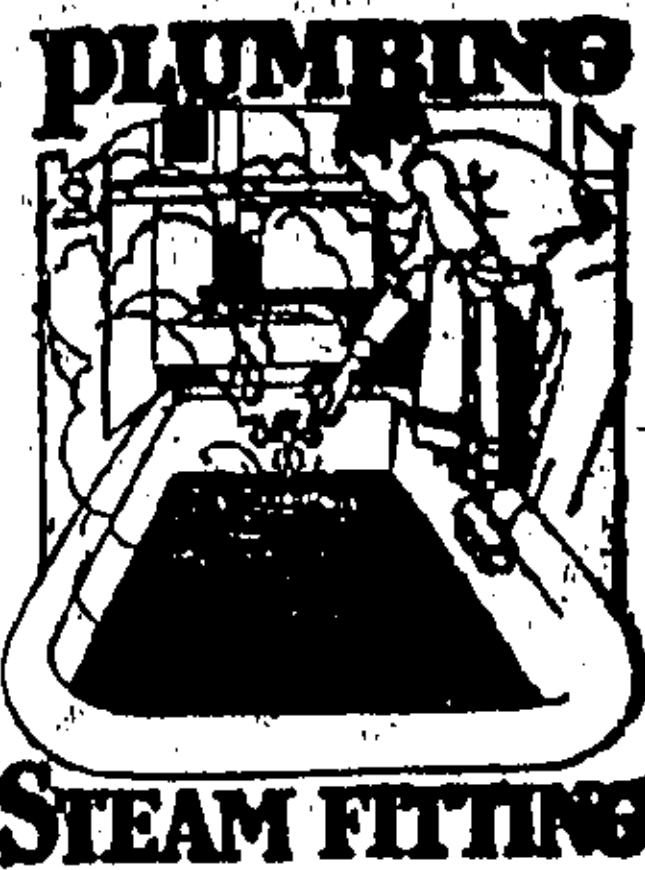




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ALL FOREIGNERS BEING EVACUATED.

BOMBARDMENT OF CITY ALREADY COMMENCED.

RAPID NORTHERN ADVANCE

A grave situation has arisen at Nanking owing to the rapidity of the Northern advance; all the Southern forces having withdrawn to the south side of the river, and the Northerners threatening to bombard the city unless it is immediately handed over. All Europeans have been evacuated, British warships are guarding foreign property, and the Northern troops have already opened fire from Pukow.

Marshal Chang Tso-lin is speeding up the advance of the forces under his immediate command in order to keep pace with the rapid move southward of General Sun Chuan-fang. The intention is a big invasion of Honan, down the Peking-Hankow railway.

The general situation along the Yangtze has worsened, there being a renewal of anti-foreignism at Kiukiang and rice riots at Hankow.

ANTI-FOREIGNISM ON YANGTZE

Nanking, Aug. 17. The Northern troops have advanced down the railway and have occupied Pukow. The Southern troops have now withdrawn to the south side, taking with them one more railway engine and some trucks. General Wang Pu and most of the 7th Army has arrived in Nanking.

Last night all Europeans were ordered to stand by ready for evacuation, and there was considerable local apprehension. Later all Europeans were evacuated, and H.M. Ships Wivern and Woodlark proceeded alongside the International Export and Import Company's premises and arranged for its defence. The Union Jack was hoisted on the building.

The Commissioner and his assistants remain in the city at their own request.

Troops continue to arrive from up the river and are fired on upon arrival. H. M. S. Wivern has been hit on several occasions but there were no casualties.

It is reported that an ultimatum has been delivered by the Northerners to hand over Nanking to-morrow otherwise the city will be bombarded. The Northerners opened fire from Pukow to-day. General Ho Ying-ching is reported to be taking measures for defence and intends to hold out. Reconnaissance aeroplanes flew over the city this afternoon.—Naval Wireless.

An Arrangement Desired.

Aug. 18. General Ho Ying-ching, assisted by Li Chung-jen, is definitely reported to be in command. Local opinion is in favour of Sun Chuan-fang who is reported to be co-operating with Feng Yu-hsiang.

It is believed that attempts are being made to reach a settlement with the Northerners in order to prevent unnecessary damage to Nanking. Minor clashes have occurred between the 17th and 37th armies in the city.—Naval Wireless.

Troop Movements.

Wuhu, Aug. 17. General Wang Pu and part of the 7th Army has proceeded to Nanking. The remainder of the 7th Army will follow at a later date.—Naval Wireless.

Nanking, Aug. 18.

The main body of troops has left for Nanking.—Naval Wireless.

THE NORTHERN DRIVE.

A Continuous Advance.

Shanghai, August 19. Marshal Chang Tso-lin has appointed General Yu Kuo-hang to call on Marshal Sun Chuan-fang, conveying a message highly commending the recent success of Sun's army. Marshal Sun is encouraged to continue striving for the recovery of the lost territories.

CHIANG'S EXIT.

HOW HE FLED FROM SHANGHAI.

BODYGUARD IN FRACAS.

Marshal Chiang Kai-shek, who arrived at Shanghai from Nanking by special train on Saturday afternoon, accompanied by a substantial bodyguard, left within a few hours for "Ningpo more far."

The Cantonese Army Commander, himself a native of Chekiang, sailed for the Chekiang coast-port by the China Merchant's Shanghai-Ningpo "ferry," the s.s. Hsin Kiang Teen, which left the French Bund shortly after five o'clock on Saturday afternoon. General Chiang was accompanied by a bodyguard numbering between 500 and 600 picked soldiers who carried six machine guns among their equipment. Authoritative reports received late on Sunday night stated that he had actually arrived at Ningpo.

It is not known what other, if any, members of the Nanking Government accompanied the General. His departure occurred within a few hours of his arrival at Nanking, where Nationalism appears to be ready to collapse and General Chiang Kai-shek's behaviour suggested that he was in flight.

An "Incident."

The Nanking Commander's departure from Shanghai was marked by an incident of threatening proportions. His personal bodyguard, consisting of the above-named force, upon arrival at Nanking at the Shanghai North Railway Station found it necessary to make the circuitous journey from that centre by rail to the Shanghai South Railway Station adjoining the Native City. From this point they marched to the Chinese Bund in order to reach the French Bund, from where the Hsin Kiang Teen was preparing to sail with their Commander. In order to reach the French Bund wharf the soldiers set foot on French Concession territory. They were armed to the teeth at the time and steps were taken by members of the French Police on patrol at the spot to have the troops leave the Concession and return to the Chinese Bund as no permission had been granted by the French authorities for them to enter the Concession.

Fracas with Police.

The troops ignored the requests of the French Police to leave and an emergency call was sent to French Police Headquarters upon receipt of which chief of police at March de l'Est proceeded to the wharf with a squad of armed policemen and notified the soldiers that they would have to leave the French Bund at once.

The soldiers maintained their stubborn attitude and when steps were taken to remove them a fracas occurred. The iron gate separating the Chinese City and French Concession was closed in order to prevent a concerted rush on the part of the troops but before it could be locked the police squad, disarming one Chinese constable by seizing his rifle and another C. P. C. No. 54 was slightly wounded.

Another emergency call was sent into the French Police headquarters and additional reinforcements despatched to the scene of the riot. The Chinese officials were also informed of the affair and hurried to the spot to intervene, which they did successfully, finally persuading all the troops to go on board their vessel.

General Chiang Kai-shek himself arrived some little while later and perfect order was restored. On Monday came the dramatic announcement of Marshal Chiang's resignation.

THE HIGH COST OF POPULARITY.

NEW YORK'S WELCOME TO LINDBERGH.

New York, Aug. 18. The welcome to Colonel Lindbergh on his return from Europe cost the city of New York \$50,000, according to the Comptroller's report, while the recent receptions to the President of Cuba and the whole United States fleet together cost only \$20,000.—Reuter's American Service.

DISASTROUS FLOODS IN SIBERIA.

VILLAGES DESTROYED AND MANY DROWNED.

CONSIDERABLE DAMAGE.

Moscow, Aug. 18.

Floods, following torrential rains, have destroyed over 50 villages in the Vladivostok and Khabarovsk districts.

Great damage has been done to the railway tracks, and several bridges have been destroyed.

Work has been suspended in the Suchansk coal-mines. The inhabitants of the districts are taking refuge in the hills.

The railway station in Ussuri has been flooded, and the line is inundated for several kilometres.

Thirty-nine persons were drowned in the rice fields when they were submerged.

The floods also carried away the sawmill.

The authorities are taking relief measures.—Reuter.

REDUCTION OF ARMY ON THE RHINE.

FRANCO-BRITISH DISCUSSION.

London, Aug. 18.

It is learned from a reliable source that the French reply to the British notes as regards a reduction of the Allied forces in the Rhineland, proposes that the 50,000 French and 15,999 British and Belgian troops in the Rhineland should each be reduced by 5,000.

The British Government is now considering the French proposals. It is believed that the reduction of the total Allied troops in the Rhineland to some 56,000 would be approved by the British Government.—Reuter.

CO-OPERATIVES' BAN ON WAR.

RUSSIANS SEEK SAFETY.

Stockholm, Aug. 18.

The International Co-operative Congress at its final sitting adopted by 491 votes a motion by the Central Committee, in favour of inviting all co-operative organisations to declare themselves resolutely against war.

A Russian amendment, that co-operative organisations should pronounce themselves against the war in China, and all forms of blockade, and especially against any military attack on Soviet Russia, received 141 votes.—Reuter.

BELGIAN LABOUR TROUBLE.

A SACCO-VANZETTI ECHO.

Verviers, Aug. 18.

The employers of the Belgian wool-combing industry have closed their factories and locked out thousands of their employees until Monday, as a reply to the employees' decision to strike to-day as a protest against the death sentences on Sacco and Vanzetti.—Reuter.

AMERICAN LEGION CONVENTION.

AN INVASION OF PARIS.

Paris, Aug. 18. Five hundreds of the American Legion have arrived here, forming the vanguard of 20,000 participants in the convention of the Legion in Paris in September.—Reuter.

BACK AT HIS POST.

SOVIET OFFICIAL IN PARIS.

Paris, Aug. 18. M. Rokovsky, the Soviet Ambassador, has returned from Moscow.—Reuter.

GENERALS SHOT.

HIGH-HANDED ACTION AT HANKOW.

GOVERNMENT INTERVENES.

Hankow, Aug. 18.

Happenings of considerable local military importance have occurred during the last two days. They commenced with the sudden arrest and execution of General Keng Tan, second in command of the 15th Army on Thursday afternoon. This proceeding was surrounded by a good deal of mystery and was known to but few till yesterday morning when government circles commenced to move in the matter. Considerable excitement was consequently aroused during the day and this came to a height when a mandate was issued during the afternoon ordering the arrest of General Liu Tso-lung commander of the 15th Army for allegedly having arranged the execution of Keng Tan.

There are many stories going the round as to Keng Tan's execution but probably the nearest truth is one to the effect that no official warrant was issued for his arrest. On Thursday about noon he was called to a conference which was being held at Tse Kia Teng military headquarters. He, unsuspecting anything, attended whereupon he was placed under guard and later taken out and shot. Meanwhile it is stated that members of the 15th Army, hearing of his arrest, pleaded for his life with no avail and in the evening his body, riddled with bullets, was carried to his home. An unofficial statement explained that he had been connected with the Communist party and had been guilty of several crimes but no proof in this connexion was cited. However, as the news of the affair gained publicity it is said to have caused feelings to run high in the ranks of the 15th Army.

Attends Investigation Meeting.

Yesterday morning as stated above the matter was officially taken up. A meeting of the Military Executive Council was called in the forenoon and among the members who attended was Liu Tso-lung. The question of the execution and who was responsible for the "ordering of it" was thoroughly thrashed out but it was reported that no really satisfactory answers were obtained from Liu Tso-lung who, after the meeting broke up, drove away in his motor. In the afternoon a mandate was issued anent the affair and ordering Liu Tso-lung's arrest. This mandate with an explanatory paragraph reads: "Keng Tan, Party representative and Vice-Commander of the 15th Army, of the Nationalist Forces and Director of its Political Department who has ever been loyal to the Party and country, and through whom good discipline has been maintained and who has always been found dependable by the Government, has been shot on account of some private opinion by Liu Tso-lung, commander of the said army. Liu has set the Central Government aside and has presumed to commit such a murder as the killing of the Vice-commander. It has therefore been decided by the Chairman of the Military Council that Liu be dismissed from his post and arrested for punishment."

Another General Shot.

The execution of officers of higher command appears to be the order of the day just at present, for it was officially intimated last night that yet another general has paid full penalty before the firing squad. This man is General Pan Han-chun, commander-in-chief of the 9th Nationalist Army. Pan was formerly a sub-ordinate of General Yuan Tso-ming, who was executed by the Southerners at Changteh last February. There is little explanation as to Pan's execution, only the bare statement that he had broken certain military regulations. He was arrested yesterday, and after only a short time in custody, was taken out and shot. The sentence, it is stated was carried out at the orders of the Military Council, but this has not yet been confirmed.

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ANTI-HINDU MOVE IN INDIA.

EFFECT OF INCITEMENT BY PREACHER.

GOVERNMENT'S CONCERN.

Simla, August 18.

In the Legislative Assembly, Sir Denys Bray, the Foreign Secretary to the Government of India, stated that owing to the prompt handling of the excitement over the Rangilarasul case, (mentioned on August 6) which had spread to the frontier early in June, a grave crisis had been averted across the border.

However, the Afridi and Shinwari countries had been inflamed by the preaching of a well-known Mullah, and some of the tribes had expelled the Hindus, while a number of Hindus were leaving the Khyber and were roughly handled. Altogether 450 Hindus had arrived at Peshawar.

This expulsion and voluntary exile was unparalleled, and the Indian Government was using all its influence on behalf of the Hindus returning to their homes among the Pathans.

He was confident the breach would be healed, provided no thoughtless or malicious intrusion from without be allowed to intervene.—Reuter.

Previous Reference.

A Lahore message of August 6 stated:

"In the High Court, Justices Broadway and Skemp sentenced Dehsharran Sharma, the writer of an article in the Amritsar newspaper *Risalavartman*, for insulting the prophet Mahomet, to a year's rigorous imprisonment and a fine of 500 rupees or, in default, six months' further imprisonment, and Glanchand, the editor, printer and publisher of *Risalavartman* to six months' rigorous imprisonment and a fine of 250 rupees or, in default, three months' further imprisonment."

The result of the trial was awaited with the greatest interest all over India, as the acquittal of the accused in the case of a Rangilarasul pamphlet attacking the prophet had made the law look defective.

The Government of the Punjab fought a similar *Risalavartman* case as a test.

The present judgment is expected to pacify Moslem feeling all over India, where tribal feeling was recently menacing the Hindus.

THE TYPHOON.

ON ITS WAY HERE.

According to a telegram received at 11 o'clock this morning by the American Consulate General from the Manila Observatory, the typhoon is now near or over Aparri, moving W.N.W., (which is in line for Hongkong).

The Royal Observatory report later says that the typhoon is near Aparri, and is threatening the coast between Hongkong and Amoy to-morrow morning.

The weather forecast is: "N.W. winds, possibly increasing to a gale; fair at first, overcast, with rain, later."

The forecast for the Formosa Channel is "cyclonic gales" while along the south coast of China fresh north-westerly winds are predicted.

The No. 1 warning signal was hoisted here soon after half-past eleven this morning.

STOP PRESS.

OVERDUE AEROPLANE FOUND.

San Francisco, Aug. 18. The missing plane "Miss Doran" has been found on the island of Maui, with all the occupants safe, according to the Examiner's Honolulu correspondent.—Reuter's American Service.

NORTH'S POLICY.

THE GROUP AROUND CHANG.

HIS FOREIGN RELATIONS.

Who are the men round Chang Tso-lin, who does he listen to, and by what processes does he reach his conclusions? Is he easily convinced or is he stubborn? There are some of the questions that are continually being asked in Peking by foreigners and others, as they watch the changing political scene and calculate how the present upheaval is going to end, writes Mr. Putnam Weale from Peking on August 6.

The answers are not very different from what they would be elsewhere. There are two "parties," or groups, round Chang Tso-lin roughly representative of the two stages through which his ten-year administration in Manchuria has passed; the old party and the new party. The old represents the backbone of Manchuria, men like the governors of Kirin and Heilungjiang, Chang Tso-hsiang and Wu Chun-sheng, whose fidelity undoubtedly saved Chang Tso-lin during the Kuo Sung-ling revolt of 1925 and who are bitter enemies of advanced young China.

These men, companions of his younger days, grew up with him as his own administration grew when ten years ago Manchuria began to pass under his sway. It was Wu Chun-sheng's Heilungjiang cavalry division, rushed down in the dead of winter when there was 60 degrees of frost, which executed the great turning movement and caught Kuo Sung-ling's force in the rear at Heilmintun, 40 miles from Mukden. Accused of being old-fashioned and unprogressive, the old Manchuria party responds that it is at least faithful, thoroughly Chinese, and has never fished in muddy water.

There is no doubt that Chang Tso-lin appreciates these points: there is no doubt that these men carry weight. Being astute by nature, he is always careful to preserve a balance between his old henchmen and the newer element so that it shall not be said that he inclines more to one side than to the other.

The "brains" of the new party is the Chief of Staff, General Yang Yu-ting who has had an exceptional education, having passed five years at the Staff College in Tokyo and being an accomplished Japanese scholar. He is also a Chinese scholar, being a hsiu-tsai or Bachelor of Arts under the old Imperial system of examinations, a thing that very few can to-day claim. He has undoubtedly organizing ability; the plan of the great Mukden arsenal being his work. He is also an extraordinary worker—he would be looked upon as exceptional anywhere in the world.

Knows His Work.

Beginning his day at 6.30 in the morning and ending it at 9.30, he works practically without a pause eating alone so as to save time and never smoking even a cigarette. This has made him familiar with every aspect of government, and is a guarantee that what he puts his hands to he carries through. He is not grasping in his ideas; if anything he errs on the side of caution which can be perhaps traced to his intensive Japanese training. He is, undoubtedly, who has done much to modernize the Manchurian army: the admirable equipment it to-day possesses, which has cost so many hundreds of millions of dollars, must be traced very largely to the initiative he displayed after the first Wu Pei-fu War of 1922. His motto is "Always 'festina lente'—go slow."

Chang Tso-lin's son, Chang Hsueh-liang, "the Young General," as he is called, is also an important help, because he is in touch with so many people and modern in his ideas, being on very good terms with many foreigners who appreciate his cordiality and nice manners. He speaks English well, without any accent at all, being practically self-taught and always interested in learning new ideas. He showed courage in the Kuo Sung-ling business, Kuo Sung-ling having deliberately betrayed his confidence and thereby placed him in a painful position with his own father. Since then he has been more cautious, and more restrained, but there is little doubt that his father listens to him.

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PACIFIC FLIGHT.

TWO PLANES STILL MISSING.

Later.
Mrs. Jensen, the wife of the pilot of Aloha, broke through the ranks of the military and police and raced to Goebel's side, narrowly escaping the whirling propeller. She exclaimed, "God bless you! Can't you tell me something about Martin? Is he still in the air; where do you think he will be?" She threw her arms about him and kissed him several times before Governor Farrington and the prize-giver, Mr. Doie, could reach him.

When her husband's machine landed on Wheeler field Mrs. Jensen was hysterical with joy. She collapsed and had to be carried to the machine by army officers. Jensen was exhausted, stiff and haggard he feebly waved his helmet to his wife amid the cheering of the crowd. Mrs. Jensen recovered from her faint and rushed to, and hugged and kissed her husband.

Search for Missing Aviators.

Honolulu, Aug. 18.
Jensen's Aloha took 28 hours and 16 minutes. The naval authorities are now alarmed over the fate of the Golden Eagle and the Miss Doran which are believed to have been forced down owing to lack of fuel, and have ordered an intensive search wherein naval seaplanes are the most active.

Warnings have been broadcast to all ships between San Francisco and the Hawaiian Islands to keep a sharp lookout for floating planes.

San Diego, Aug. 18.
Admiral Jackson aboard the destroyer, MacDonough, also the destroyers Hull, Sumner, Meyer, La Vallette, and Hazelwood are searching for the missing aeroplanes.

The aircraft carrier Langley, accompanied by an aircraft tender has been dispatched at full speed to the Farallone Islands to search for the Golden Eagle and the Miss Doran.—*Reuter's American Service.*

Admiral McDonald has ordered the warships Holland, Ortolan, Sunnadin and thirteen submarines to proceed eastward in network formation to search for the missing planes.—*Reuter's American Service.*

FAITH AND ORDER.

ECCLIASTICAL CONFERENCE MEETS DIFFICULTIES.

Lausanne, Aug. 18.
The World Ecclesiastical Conference on Faith and Order is finding the question of the Christian ministry a very difficult one. The committee on the question has reported emphasizing the urgent need of measures to ensure the recognition of a common form of ministry by all sections of the Church. The inability of the delegates from the Eastern Orthodox Churches to accept any form of ordination not based on an uninterrupted Apostolic succession is one of the principal obstacles to an agreement.—*Reuter.*

MAYOR OF NEW YORK.

ON TWO MONTHS VISIT TO EUROPE.

London, Aug. 18.
Mayor Walker of New York, his wife and four friends arrived on a two months' visit to Britain and the Continent. He will be given a civic reception at the Guildhall, London, to-day. He is going to Dublin to-morrow to visit his father's birthplace. He was very popular aboard the Berengaria and refereed three fights.—*Reuter.*

"BACKSTAIRS" INFLUENCE.

ITS DEFINITION IN A COURT CASE.

That a man promised to exercise his "backstairs" influence in order to expedite the installation of a telephone for a stall-holder of the Central Market, in consideration of a money payment, was alleged at the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon.

A Chinese was charged with obtaining a sum of \$50, from a poultry dealer of the Central Market by falsely representing that he was a Telephone Company employee and that he was in a position to install a telephone for the dealer. The charge was denied by the defendant, for whom Mr. D. L. Strellett appeared.

Mr. H. J. Armstrong appeared for the prosecution. It was stated that defendant was accused of an attempt to defraud the dealer of a sum of \$50 by representing himself to be a telephone workman, and was arrested with the sum which had been previously marked by the police, in his possession.

In evidence, the dealer said that he put the defendant off until the telephone had been completely installed, when a sum of \$50, supplied and marked by the police, was handed over to the defendant on the latter's demand.

Cross-examined by Mr. Strellett, witness said he understood that the purpose of the defendant in wanting the \$50 was to influence the Telephone Company to expedite the installation of a telephone.

Alluding to a statement credited to the defendant that he would be exercising "backstairs" influence to bring this about, Mr. Strellett asked witness what he could make of this statement, whether the "backstairs influence" was in accordance with regulation, or whether he thought it was a bribe or squeeze?

Witness replied that he was doubtful, and although not altogether unprepared to refuse the demand, if it could help to expedite the installation of the phone, he went to two prominent members of the Chinese business community to consult them.

In his interviews with the defendant, witness had believed that he (defendant) was an agent of the Telephone Company and dealt with him as such. He remained undecided up to the point when the police informed him of the true position.

Witness was further cross-examined as to the exact point when the question of fixing the telephone cropped up, and he denied that the money was promised as a cushion.

The hearing was adjourned.

PROMISSORY NOTE.

JUDGMENT IN THE SUPREME COURT.

In the Supreme Court yesterday afternoon, the acting Chief Justice, Mr. J.R. Wood, delivered judgment in a \$6,000 promissory note claim.

The plaintiffs were the Wuchow Receiving Agency Ltd., 38 Bonham Strand East, and they sued the Tsang Hing and Kau Kee Company, 27 Queen's Road Central for \$6,000, under five promissory notes, "four being for \$1,000 each and the fifth for \$2,000. They also claimed interest at the rate of 25 cents per day for each \$1,000. Mr. C. G. Alabaster, instructed by Mr. G.S. Hugh Jones, was for the plaintiffs.

When the case, which had been part-heard, came on, the defendants were not present, neither were they represented, and His Lordship accordingly gave judgment for the plaintiffs.

FLIGHTS JUSTIFIED.

BRITISH HEADQUARTERS' STATEMENT.

Shanghai, Aug. 18.

The British Headquarters this evening issued a statement regarding aeroplane flights over Chinese territory, in the course of which they point out that "there is at present no recognised government in China but only a number of self-appointed governments who from time to time assume control of various parts of China and who are in a state of constant warfare with each other."

During the course of their warlike operations the lives and property of foreign residents in the affected areas are frequently in serious danger and the Chinese authorities have proved themselves, despite their repeated promises and assurances, incapable of affording adequate protection.

The statement continues "that these circumstances have compelled not only the British but the French and American as well as other governments to increase their land armed forces in Shanghai and other parts of China for the protection of the lives and property of their nationals."

An Essential Arm.

The statement continues: "Aeroplane are just as much an integral part of modern forces both naval and land as are trucks, armoured cars and artillery. It is the first duty of an armed force to keep itself trained to carry out its duties should occasion arise."

Secondly, in order to be able to protect others it must first of all ensure its own security. Aeroplanes therefore must be flown and exercised just as much as other portions of naval and military forces, and at certain times when the situation is liable to change and when armies which are partaking in civil wars approach Shanghai, reconnaissance must be carried out to enable the respective naval and military authorities to keep in touch with the situation.

The reasons therefore, which justify flights over Chinese territory which have been undertaken from time to time by aeroplanes belonging to British and other foreign Powers are the same as those which justify the landing in China of armed forces of these Powers.

It concludes saying that "at the same time it must be pointed out that the practice of detaining the whole or part of a military aeroplane which during practice flight had accidentally been forced to alight in alien territory is quite contrary to the normal practice followed in European countries.—*Reuter.*

Wings Surrendered.

Shanghai, Aug. 18.
The Chinese authorities handed over the aeroplane wings at 7.20 p.m. Some delay occurred in the delivery of the wings but eventually they were brought in from Kiangwan by a Japanese military lorry and were taken over by an Air Force lorry at the boundary of the Settlement.

The cause of the forced landing was oil trouble resulting in a broken piston. At ten p.m. the British were repairing the break in the loopline.—*Reuter.*

FOREST FIRES.

TERRIBLE DESTRUCTION IN THE ALPS.

Paris, Aug. 18.
Twenty thousand acres of forest have been destroyed by fires following the prolonged drought in the Alps Maritimes. In Var several farms were incinerated and herds of cattle roasted alive. Telegraphic and telephone communications are broken down. Ten million francs damage is estimated to have been done since Monday.—*Reuter.*

SPECULATION.

WHAT WILL MARSHAL CHIANG KAI-SHEK DO?

Shanghai, Aug. 18.

Marshal Chiang Kai-shek is entrenching himself in Chekiang and has just proclaimed martial law in that province through his military subordinate. The retiring Generalissimo is holding the south-eastern coast from Shanghai to Swatow. Territories now occupied by his loyal forces now include the southern portion of Kiangsu, Chekiang, Fukien, Eastern Kwangtung and the southern portion of Kiangsi. The last mentioned place is occupied by the army of General Chien Ta-chun from Canton and the armies of Generals Yeh Ting and Ho Lung, who were recently driven out from Nanchang by General Chang Fat-kwai.

If Sun Chuan-fang takes Nanking, the Nationalists in Kiangsu will retreat through two different directions. Marshal Chiang's men will retreat to Chekiang and the armies under Li Chung-yeu will retreat to Kiangsi to join the Hankowites. However, Sun's army will not attack Chekiang immediately, for the Hankowites and not Marshal Chiang are now the bitterest rivals of the northerners.

Although the next move of Marshal Chiang is still unknown, owing to the unsettled conditions, it may be to attack Canton, for unless he regains Nanking Chiang has no place in his territory which is big enough for a capital. Part of the Marshal's army has been on its way from Chekiang to Swatow for some time and is lately reported to be near the Fukien-Kwangtung border. Chiang also has a large force on the Kiangsi-Kwangtung border (the armies of Chien Ta-chun, Yeh Ting and Ho Lung). Waichow is still in the hands of Marshal Chiang's men. If he wants to, Marshal Chiang can mobilize 60,000 against Canton, which will have to meet attacks from the North and East rivers.

General Li Chai-sum is only able to mobilize 40,000 to meet his former chief but he expects assistance from the Hankowites in Nanchang and Hunan.

NORTHERN THREAT.

BOMBARDMENT UNLESS NANKING SURRENDERS.

Shanghai, Aug. 18.

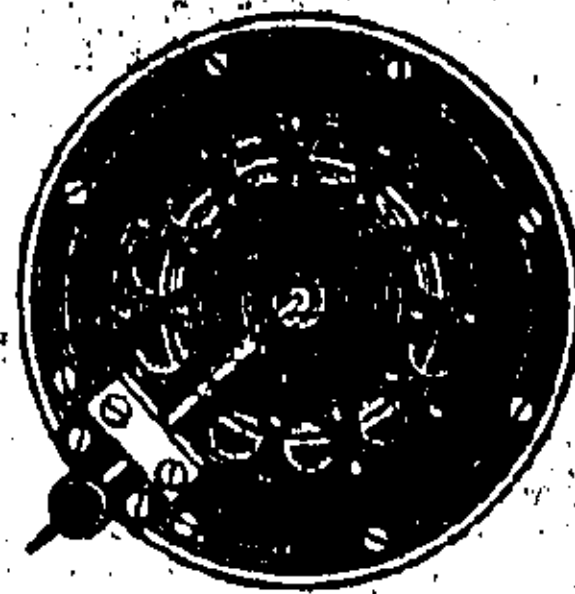
Reports from Nanking on the 17th, suggest remarkable scenes. Southerners are pouring in from up-river and from Pukow, using every available form of transport, steamers, launches and junks.

On Wednesday morning the Pukow side was deserted by men and boats, while the Nanking Bund was packed with soldiers.

The Northerners opened fire at noon and have continued intermittently since. At 2 o'clock on Wednesday afternoon, a Northern plane flew over reconnoitring the city. It is understood the Northerners have issued an ultimatum that unless Nanking surrenders by the 18th it will be intensively bombarded. The Generalissimo, Ho Ying-ching is taking measures to defend the city, but it is simultaneously reported that he is negotiating with the Northerners for some settlement whereby the city will be saved the horrors of a bombardment. His position is difficult, as the populace, after bitter experience of Nationalist rule, is now overwhelmingly for Sun Chuan-fang. The divisions have already clashed inside the city owing to one attempting to desert to the North.—*Reuter.*

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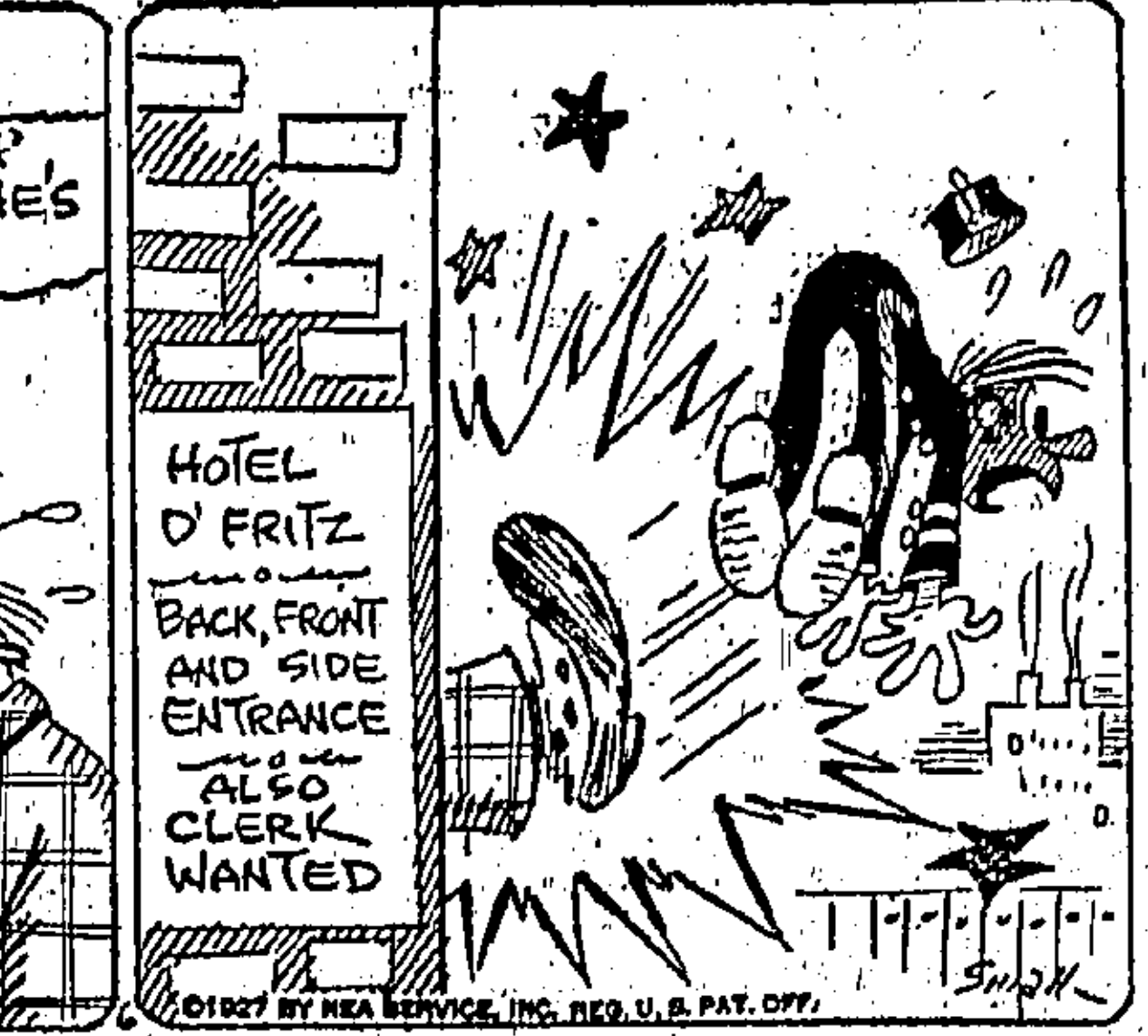
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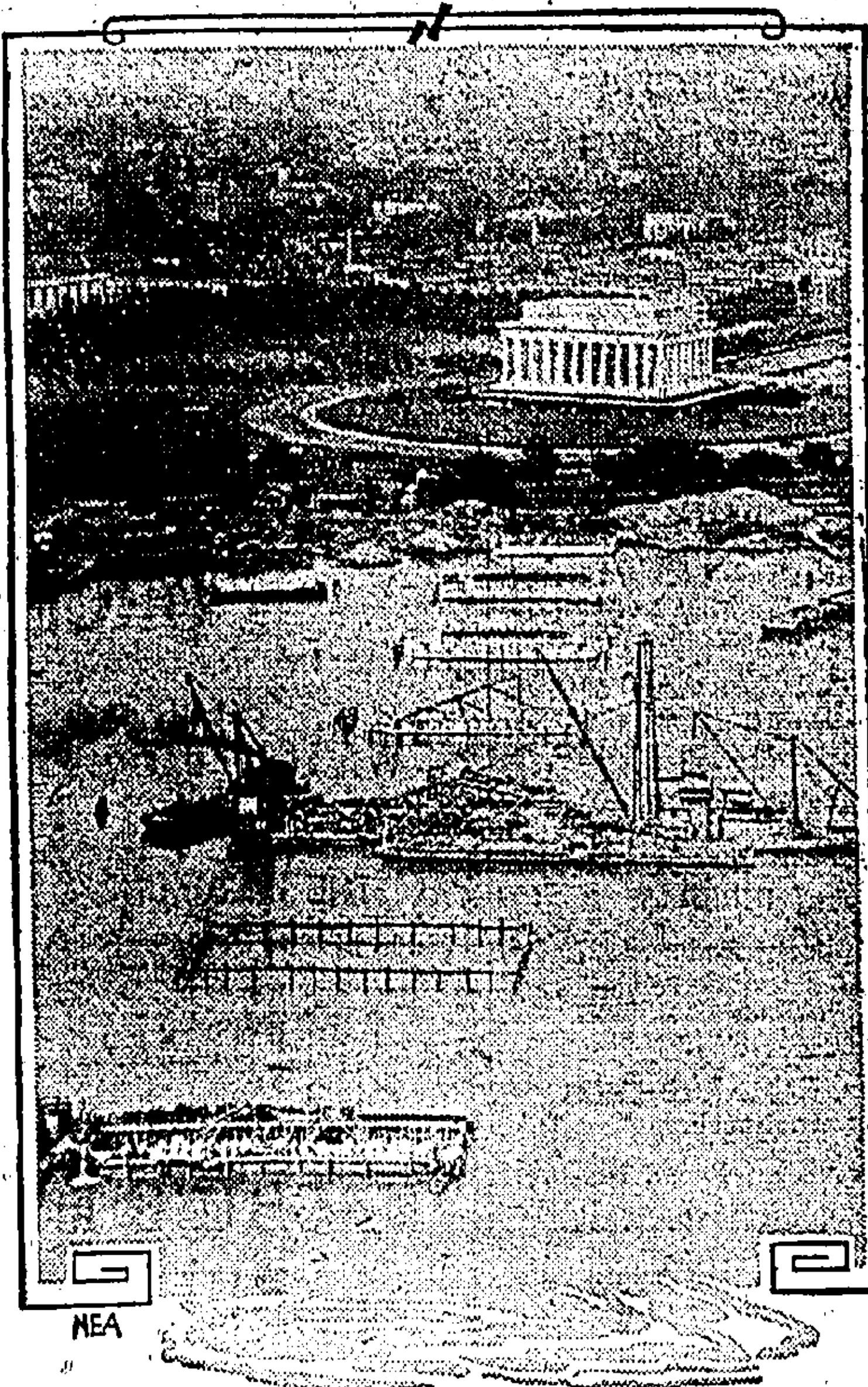




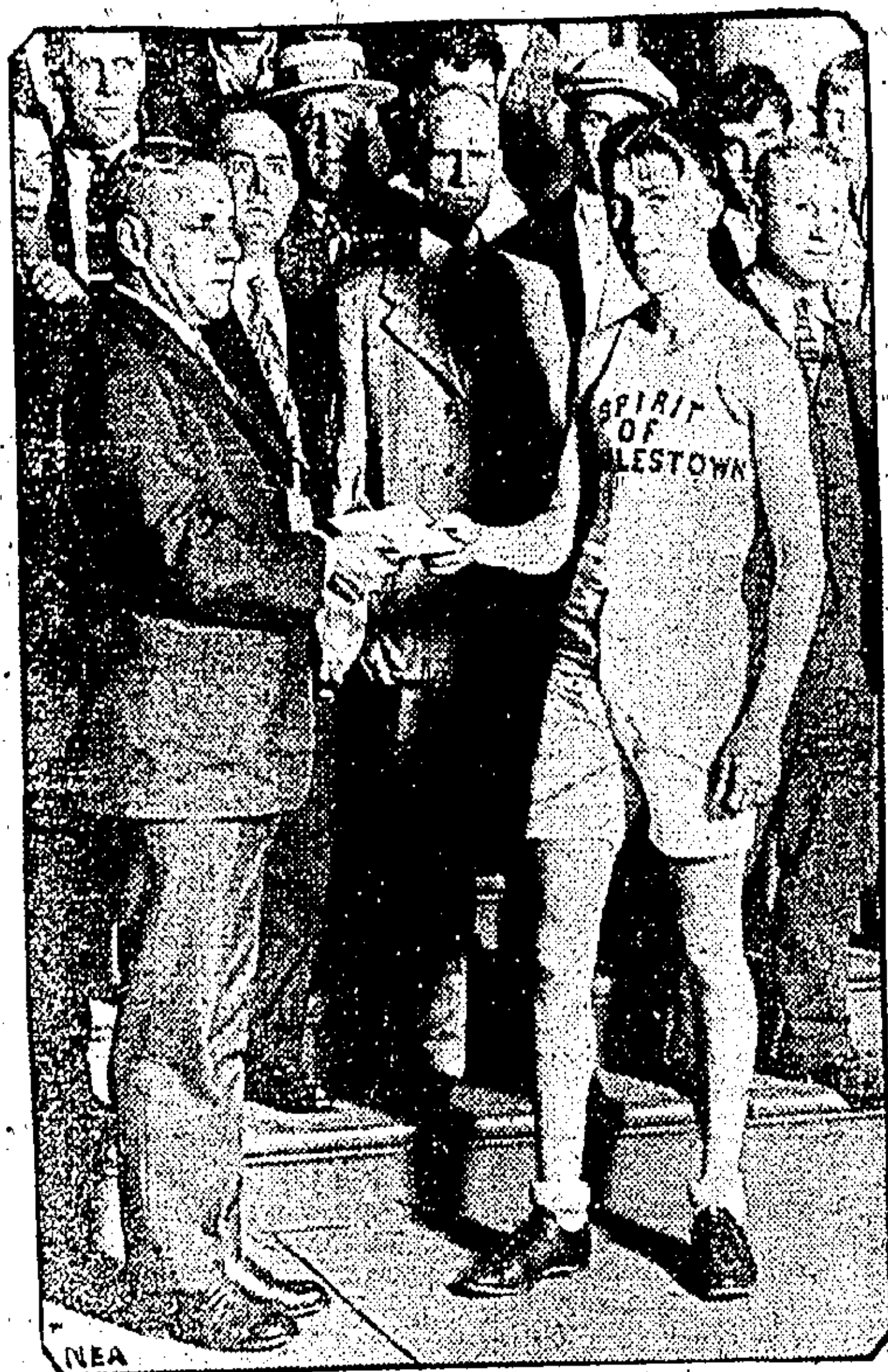
HAWAII FLIERS.—Here are Ernest Smith (left, in knickers) and Emory R. Bronte (right, in knickers) just before they hopped off from Oakland, California on their flight to Hawaii.



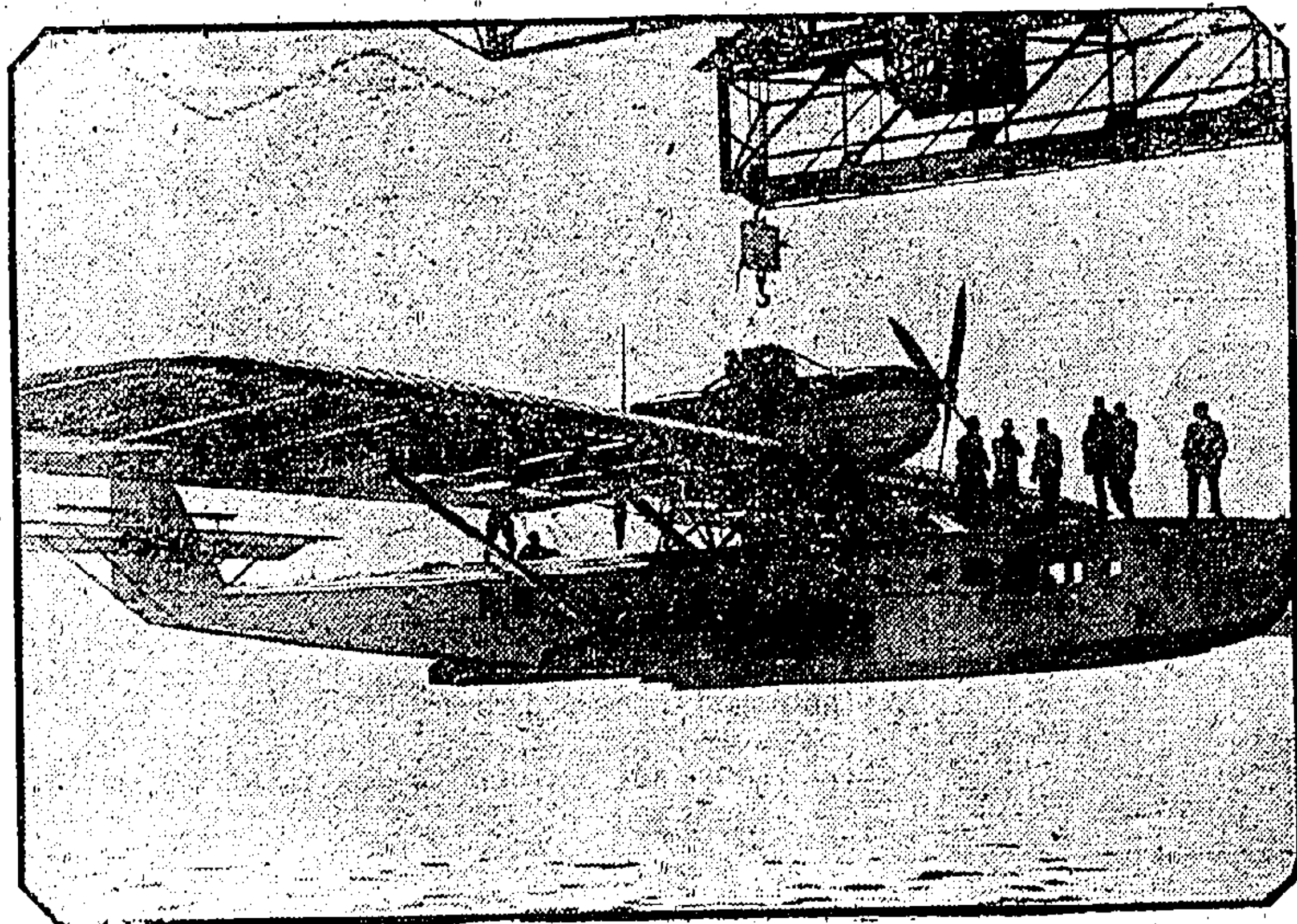
ATTEMPTED MURDER.—An attempt to murder Ralph Ince, movie director, with chloroform at Fullerton, was investigated by California authorities. Ince is seen with his wife, the former Lucille Mendez.



A MEMORIAL BRIDGE.—This shows the position of the new memorial bridge which will connect the Lincoln Memorial at Washington and Arlington, the historic Lee mansion on the Virginia hills opposite. The piers are all above water and work is progressing on the stone abutments.



A LONG WALK.—What's a non-stop tramp of 200 miles or more to William Joe Bush, of Charlestown, Mass? Not very much. So he set out to heel-and-toe it from Boston to New York. You see him here receiving the God-speeds of Mayor Malcolm Ni holes, the Boston chief executive.



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BYRD'S HOME-COMING.—A visit to the "Eternal Light," New York's Fifth Avenue memorial to World War dead, was the last formal event of Commander Richard E. Byrd's home-coming. Here are Byrd, Bert Acosta and Clarence Chamberlin standing at the salute.

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BY ORDER OF THE BOARD,
D. L. KING,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 19th August 1927.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG.

COMPANIES WINDING UP NO. 3 OF 1926

In The Matter Of The Companies Ordinances 1911—1925.

and

In The Matter Of The RUSSO-ASIATIC BANK.

NOTICE OF FIRST AND FINAL DIVIDEND TO CREDITORS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a first and final dividend of One hundred per centum has been declared, in this matter, and that same may be received at my Office, on Tuesday, the 23rd day of August, 1927, or on any subsequent week day (excepting Saturdays) between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

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Mon.	22	5 02	6 3	1 05	2 2
Tues.	23	6 11	6 6	1 54	2 0
Wed.	24	7 20	6 9	2 43	1 8
Thurs.	25	8 29	6 12	3 32	1 6
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INWARD MAILS.

From	Per	Date
U.S.A., Canada, Japan and Shanghai	Pres. McKinley	August 21.
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia	Atreus	August 21.
Straits	Namsang	August 22.
Manila	Empress of Russia	August 22.
Straits	Atsuta Maru	August 22.
Manila	Pres. Taft	August 22.
Japan	Mishima Maru	August 23.
Japan and Shanghai	Haruna Maru	August 26.
Canada, U.S.A., Japan and Shanghai	Emp. of Asia	August 28.

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per	Date
Shanghai	Shantung	Fri., Aug. 19, 5 p.m.
Amoy	Talma	Fri., Aug. 19, 5 p.m.
Formosa	Glenapp	Fri., Aug. 19, 5 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. and S. Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles.	Rawalpindi	Sat., Aug. 20, K.P.O.

Parcels	Registration	Letters
19th 4.30 p.m.	28th 9 a.m.	20th 10 a.m.
G.P.O.		
19th 5 p.m.	20th 9.45 a.m.	20th 10.30 a.m.

(Due Marseilles 16th Sept.)
Japan, Amoy and Foochow Ginyo Maru Sat., Aug. 20, 10 a.m.
Hal Hong Sat., Aug. 20, noon
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa Tonkin Sat., Aug. 20, 3.30 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, *U.S.A., *Canada, *C. and *S. America and *Europe via San Francisco and Europe via Siberia Kotsu Maru Sun., Aug. 21, 9 a.m.

Tenyo Maru Mon., Aug. 22, Registration 9.45 a.m. Letters 10.30 a.m.
(Due San Francisco 16th September).

Manila Pres. McKinley Mon., Aug. 22, 4.30 p.m.
Amoy Nam Sang Mon., Aug. 22, 5 p.m.
Saigon and South Africa Montevideo Maru Tues., Aug. 23, 9.30 a.m.

Shanghai Atsuta Maru Tues., Aug. 23, 10.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow Haiyang Tues., Aug. 23, Noon.
Shanghai, *Japan, *Canada, *U.S.A., *C. & *S. America and *Europe via Victoria, B.C. Pres. Taft Tues., Aug. 23, Parcels noon Registration 4.15 p.m. Letters 5 p.m.
(Due Victoria, B.C. 12th Sept.)

Swatow Hangsang Wed., Aug. 24, 8.30 a.m.
Manila, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island Mishima Maru Wed., Aug. 24, Registration 8.45 a.m. Letters 9.30 a.m.
(Due Thursday Island 6th September).

Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., C. and S. America and *Europe via Vancouver, B.C. and Europe via Siberia Emp. of Russia Wed., Aug. 24, Parcels 23rd 5 p.m. Registration 9.15 a.m. Letters 10 a.m.
(Due Vancouver, B.C. 11th Sept.)

Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles Antenor Wed., Aug. 24, K.P.O. Registration 9 a.m. Letters 10 a.m. G.P.O. Registration 9.45 a.m. Letters 10.30 a.m.
(Due Marseilles 21st September).

Straits and Calcutta Fook Sang Wed., Aug. 24, Parcels noon Letters 1 p.m.
Swatow Hai Ching Thurs., Aug. 25, noon
*Correspondence bearing vessel's name only.

A public sensation was caused by the unexpected suicide of the famous novelist, Akutagawa Ryunosuke, at his residence at Tabata, Tokyo, on Sunday morning. He left letters to his wife and friends stating that he had spent two years studying measures of suicide and that the motive of suicide was a vague restlessness about the future life and that he died happy. He was 36 years old.

Boldly forcing their way into a room at the Great Eastern Hotel in Nanking Road, Shanghai, Chinese gunmen shot down and perhaps fatally wounded a high officer of the Nanking Nationalist Army. On Saturday night the officer was reported at the point of death at the Shantung Road Hospital. The attempted murder took place on Friday night and the victim is Tiao Tseng-ping, chief aide at headquarters of the First Route of the vanguards of the Northwest Nationalist Army. Tiao was shot three times.

Out of the crowd of suspects who were caught in a recent police net, it is learned that only nine men still remain in custody awaiting the outcome of further investigations into their antecedents. It was discovered that these men were recent arrivals in the Colony from Singapore and China coastal ports, and in the case of at least two of them an interesting line of investigation has been opened up in relation to recent piracy committed on ships sailing from Singapore. What results may be attained from a thorough search into the past records of these men are still of a conjectural character, but it is methods of the local police that they are leaving no stone unturned which will help them to discover the source of the recent series of piracies along the coast.

The Chinese press states that the strike of the cargo coolies in Swatow is still proceeding. Steamers from the Colony arriving at Swatow with cargo on board have had to come back with the cargo undelivered.

The Hirao Maru (998.68 tons), a freighter owned by the Daido Steamship Company at Kobe, which was raided by more than 30 bandits at Haichow on the night of the 10th, arrived at Tsingtao on August 12, and according to the officers of the steamer, Captain Tange, the master, the Japanese steersman, a Chinese interpreter, and four Chinese passengers were carried away as hostages, besides the steamer being looted. The bandits are demanding \$30,000 as ransom.

Mr. A. C. W. Lewis, editor of The Englishman, Calcutta, since 1923, has been appointed editor of the Straits Times. Mr. Lewis, who was educated at Felsted and Exeter College, Oxford, entered journalism eighteen years ago at Nottingham, later went to Sheffield, and was on the staff of The Times from 1914-1923, acting as special correspondent in Denmark and Morocco and as chief correspondent of The Times in Paris in 1921-1922. He served throughout the war.

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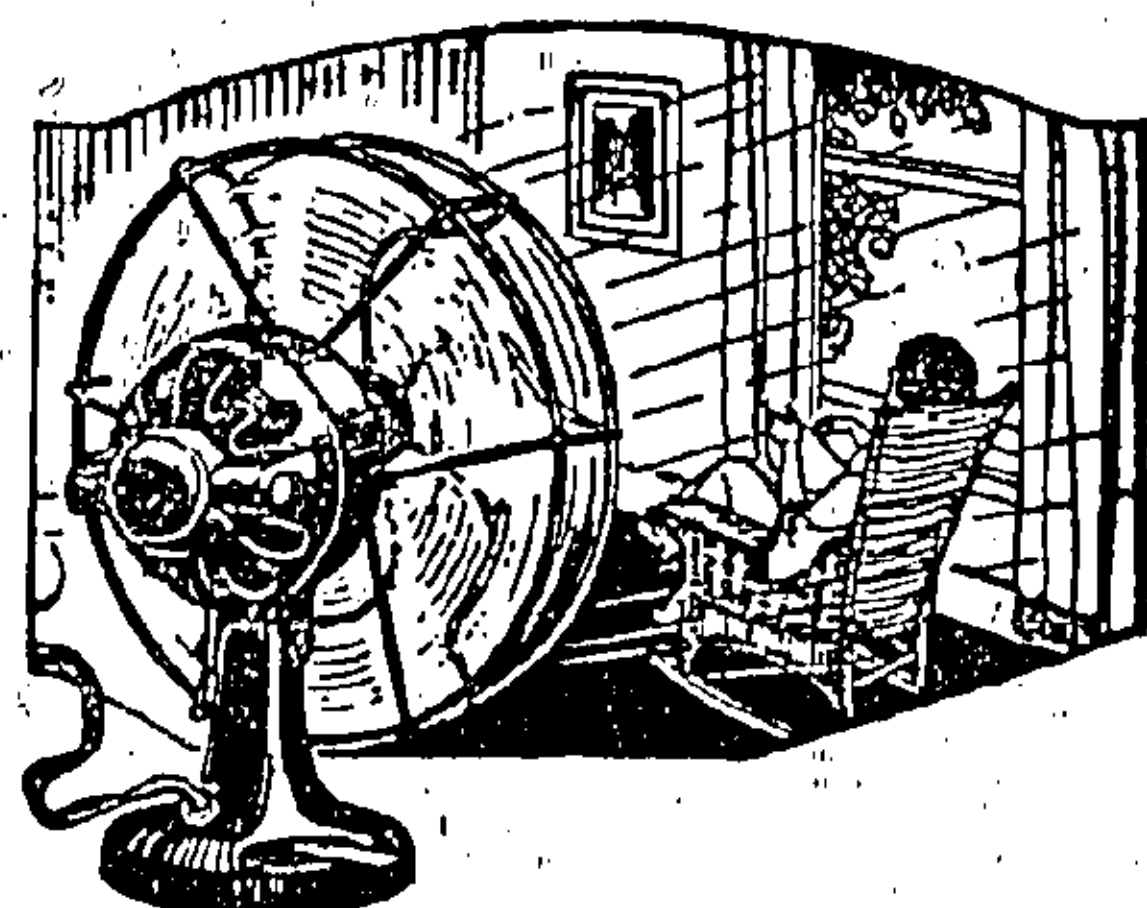
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The following items are from the Hongkong Telegraph for the week ended August 18th, 1906.

The rate of the dollar on demand was 2/19/16.

Owing to the intense heat, the Gynkhana meeting had to be postponed.

At the request of H. E. Sir Matthew Nathan, the British Consul at Canton sent a despatch to the Viceroy of Canton protesting against the appointment of a Belgian engineer to superintend the construction of the Canton-Hankow Railway. It was pointed out that it was with the assistance of British capital that China was able to secure the redemption of the line from foreign concessionaries and that the loan was granted on condition that China would complete the railway to Hankow herself.

The Hon. Mr. W. Chatham purchased Rural Building Lot No. 126, north of Barker Road, for \$1,824.

Among those chosen to represent the Kowloon Bowling Green Club in a match against the Civil Service Club were Messrs. D. Harvey, W. Russell, R. Lapsley, D. Gow and R. Hunter.

Leave was given the Hongkong Brewery Company, Ltd., to wind up its affairs and go into liquidation.

Members of the Hongkong Volunteer Troops held a Gynkhana at Happy Valley.

Inspector J. T. Cotton, charged coolies with removing a dead pig from Kennedy Town Cattle Depot for the purpose of dressing it for human food.

Tenders were invited for the erection of a Time Ball Tower at Blackhead's Point, Kowloon.

The steamer Kaiping was pirated while on her usual voyage to Sui Lam. Three passengers were kidnapped.

SHANGHAI CONSULS HOLD MEETING.

NANKING'S TAXATION
DISCUSSED.

An important conference attended by four of the Consul-Generals of the leading Powers was held at Shanghai on Saturday, at the residence of the United States Consul General in Shanghai at which the question of the Nanking Government's taxation schemes was discussed and, it is understood, a policy regarding future action was formulated. In the meantime the Nationalist Government has announced the abolition of a number of Customs Houses throughout the provinces under their control including the Nantao Customs House at Shanghai.

The conference was held at 13 Wangpoo Road, the residence of Mr. Edwin S. Cunningham, United States Consul-General for Shanghai and the representatives of other Powers present were: Sir Sidney Barton, Consul-General for Great Britain; Mr. S. Yada, Consul-General for Japan and Mr. P. E. Nagier, Consul-General for France.

The conference was of a lengthy nature, lasting through the morning and again in the afternoon until late in the evening, but apart from learning that it had been called to discuss the position of the various nations represented in regard to the Nanking Government's threatened imposition of illegal taxation on September 1, no other information was made available for publication.

LATE GOV.-GEN. WOOD.

SOLEMN MEMORIAL SERVICES
IN MANILA.

Thousands of persons, representing all communities in Manila, at 8 a.m. Saturday last in the improvised amphitheatre on Burnham Green to participate in memorial services for the late Governor General Leonard Wood.

The bright morning sun and the absence of shade on the Luneta apparently kept no one away from the services. The rapidly coming crowds were ushered by detachments of soldiers, constabulary and boy scouts to the sections marked off around the speakers' platform. Aisles were formed by uniformed soldiers from the Philippine Scouts.

Promptly at 8 o'clock the services began. Considering the number of persons present the place was exceptionally quiet. All were able to hear the music and speakers distinctly through the aid of amplifiers set up in several places by the signal corps of the United States Army.

A selection, Modulation, by the Constabulary Band, opened the programme. This was followed by a fitting invocation by the Rev. James B. Rodgers. A choir of 30 voices interspersed the memorial addresses. "Crossing the Bar" by Tennyson and "No Shadows Yonder" by Gaul were sung. Addresses were delivered by Acting Governor General E. A. Gilmore, Gregorio Araneta, E. A. Per-

WINS CHAMPIONSHIP.



George Duncan, a former British open golf champion, has won the Irish open title under very trying conditions.

Kins, Consul-General Harrington and Major General Johnson Hagood. The benediction was pronounced by the apostolic delegate, Monsignor Guillermo Piani. Soldier and civilian alike stood at attention while a bugler blew Taps, closing the programme.

An enlarged portrait of Major General Wood taken while Chief of the General Staff of the United States Army, supported by an easel made of palms and bordered by two large wreaths bearing the initials "L. W." faced the audience from the front of the speakers' stand. The cost of this was taken from funds collected in the American Community Condolence Fund.

While space was arranged in sectors for representatives of various communities, the crowd intermingled in a cosmopolitan fashion. Professional men, clerks, legislators, military officials, government representatives, Filipinos, Americans, sat side by side, paying a reverent tribute to the deceased. A large delegation of British sailors attended on request of the British Consul General.

M.C.C. AND MALAYA.

TOUR NOT POSSIBLE AT
PRESENT.

Some time ago we (Singapore Free Press) reproduced a letter which appeared in the Cricketer in which a Malayan resident on leave suggested that, Australia having set the ball rolling by sending a cricket XI to Malaya, the lead might well be followed by the M. C. C.

Cricketers will be interested to learn from the correspondence appearing below that the matter was carried a stage further by our London correspondent, who on July 13 addressed the following letter to the Secretary of the M. C. C.—

The Singapore Free Press, which I represent in this country, have asked me to ascertain whether the M. C. C. have considered the idea set out in the enclosed article from the Cricketer, which they have quoted. Perhaps you would let me know whether the topic has come or is likely to come before the Club. I should very much appreciate your guidance.

Mr. W. Findlay, the Secretary of the M. C. C., replied as follows: I am in receipt of your letter of the 13th instant and cutting, which I will place before the M. C. C. Committee in due course. The M. C. C. are, as you know, most anxious to encourage cricket in all parts.

In a further letter Mr. Findlay wrote: "I placed your letter of the 13th instant before my Committee to-day. They are, as you know, at present arranging for an M. C. C. Team to visit South Africa this winter, and in 1928-29 a Team is due to tour Australia. In the circumstances, enjoyable as a tour would undoubtedly be in Malaya, it would hardly seem possible to make arrangements at present."

Our London correspondent in a second letter to the M. C. C. wrote: "I am very much obliged to you for your prompt and courteous letter with regard to the suggested visit of the M. C. C. Team to the Malay States. I gather that with the innumerable activities of the M.C.C. in other countries any such tour as desired is not immediately possible, but I hope that arrangements can be made in the near future because you will probably have noticed the interest taken in Cricket in the Malay States, where recently a combined Cricket Team representing both the Straits Settlements and Malaya defeated quite a strong Australian Team which was visiting the Country and which included several of the leading Members of the Australian Team which was here last year. At all events, may I hope that the M. C. C. Committee will keep the matter before them, and if they should wish for an official request to be forwarded to them, I am sure that it will be sent without delay."

Mr. Findlay acknowledged this letter as follows: Thank you for your letter of the 16th inst. which I will read to the M. C. C. Committee in due course. You may be quite sure they will do everything they can to help cricket in the Malay States, but it would not be possible to consider a visit just at present.

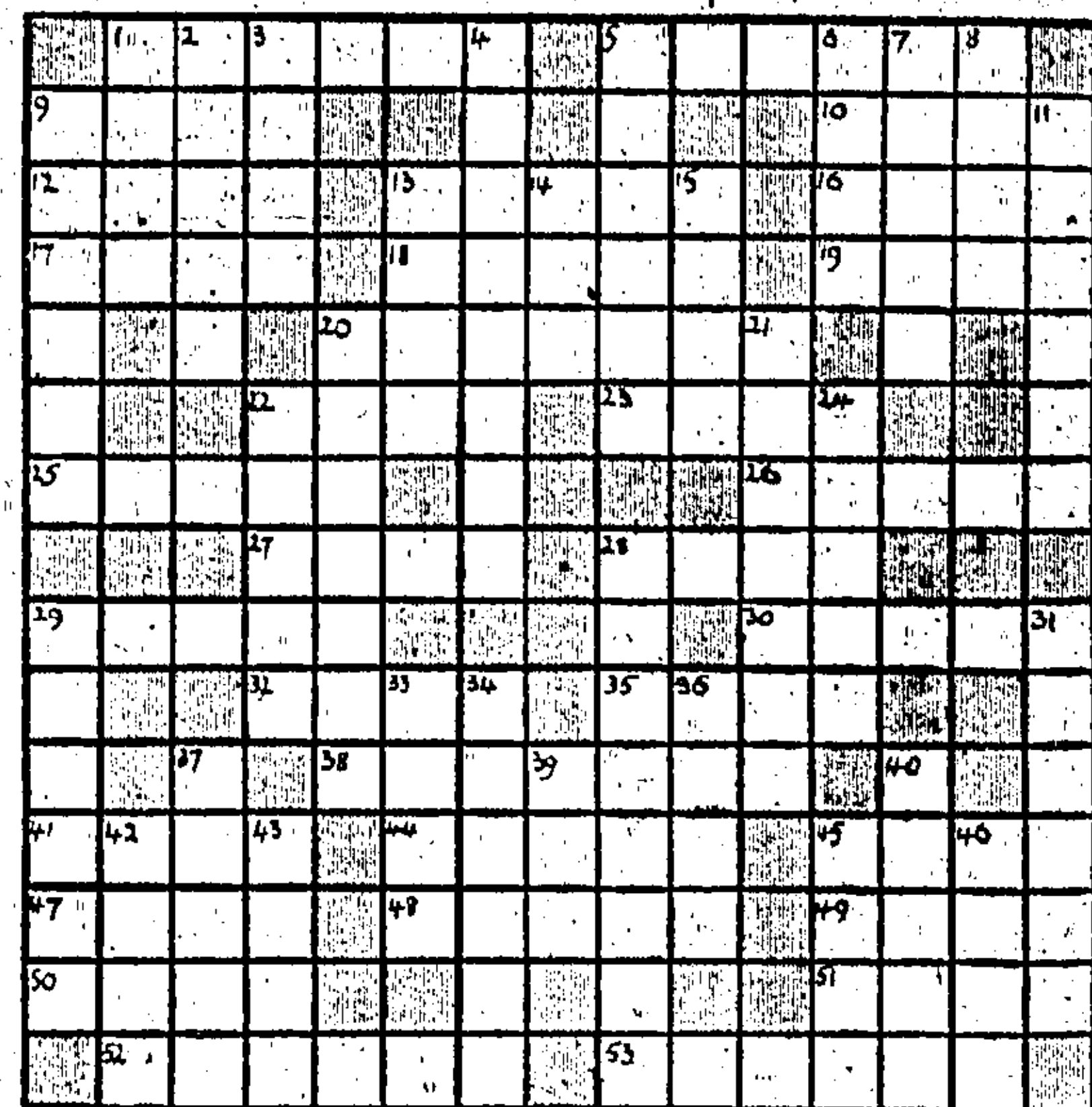
INDIANS AND CHINA.

PASSPORTS REFUSED BY
GOVERNMENT.

Calcutta, Aug. 11.
The Indian Government has refused to grant passports for a proposed medical mission to China composed of Indian social workers, whose object was to give medical aid to the Chinese combatants.

The Government explains that granting facilities for a party of British subjects to serve, even in a non-combatant capacity, in a combatant area would be construed as a departure by the British Government from its attitude of strict impartiality toward the Chinese combatants.

OUR CROSSWORD PUZZLE.



Across.
1 Proclamation.
6 Rest on fulcrums.
9 Of a white hue.
10 Parts of faces.
12 Tidal wave moving up a river.
13 Well skilled.
16 Genus of the lily.
17 Large cupola.
18 One that is furious.
19 Used by trawlers.
20 Class of annulose animals.
22 Sailing ship.
23 Swimming bird.
25 Separate into parts.
26 Celestial body.
27 Whirring noise.
28 Scar.
29 Draws.
30 Painting depicting rural scene.
32 Ladies reticule.
35 On.
38 Act of eluding.
41 Egyptian goddess.
44 Amend.
45 Run.
47 High voice.
48 Assist.
49 Thicker than cord.
50 Antlered animal.
51 Angers.
52 Vain fancies.
53 Made deeper.

Down.
1 Half-caste.
2 Resinous exudation.
3 Waxy space at base of bill in birds.
4 Expose to danger.
5 Front parts of a coat.
6 Unhesitating dash.
7 Irritates.
8 Small mark.

9 Trendies.
11 Composition for six voices.
12 Indian buffalo.
13 Evening.
14 Smart.
15 One specially skilful.
16 Ten-sided figure.
17 Famous book.
18 Females.
19 Looked obliquely.
20 Cluster of seven stars.
21 Raiser.
22 Back part of the iris.
23 Foot with accent on second syllable.
24 Seed-cases.
25 One who bites.
26 Observe with the eye.
27 Ten millions.
28 Sledge.
29 Painful.
30 Excursion.
31 Give exit.

Yesterday's Puzzle.

BLOOMS S CRATER
KAIO ASTER DENE
INLETS E ELANDS
BERS IRATE RUISE
E R ANOMALY R T
RAISES A P EWEERS
G T SAR SEAR I
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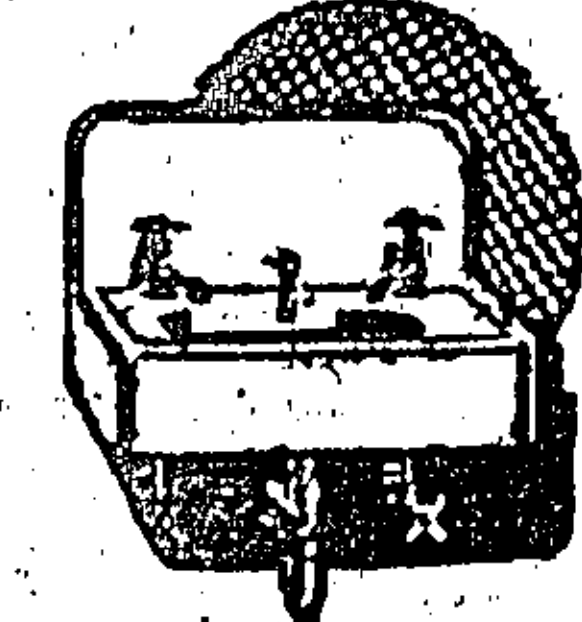
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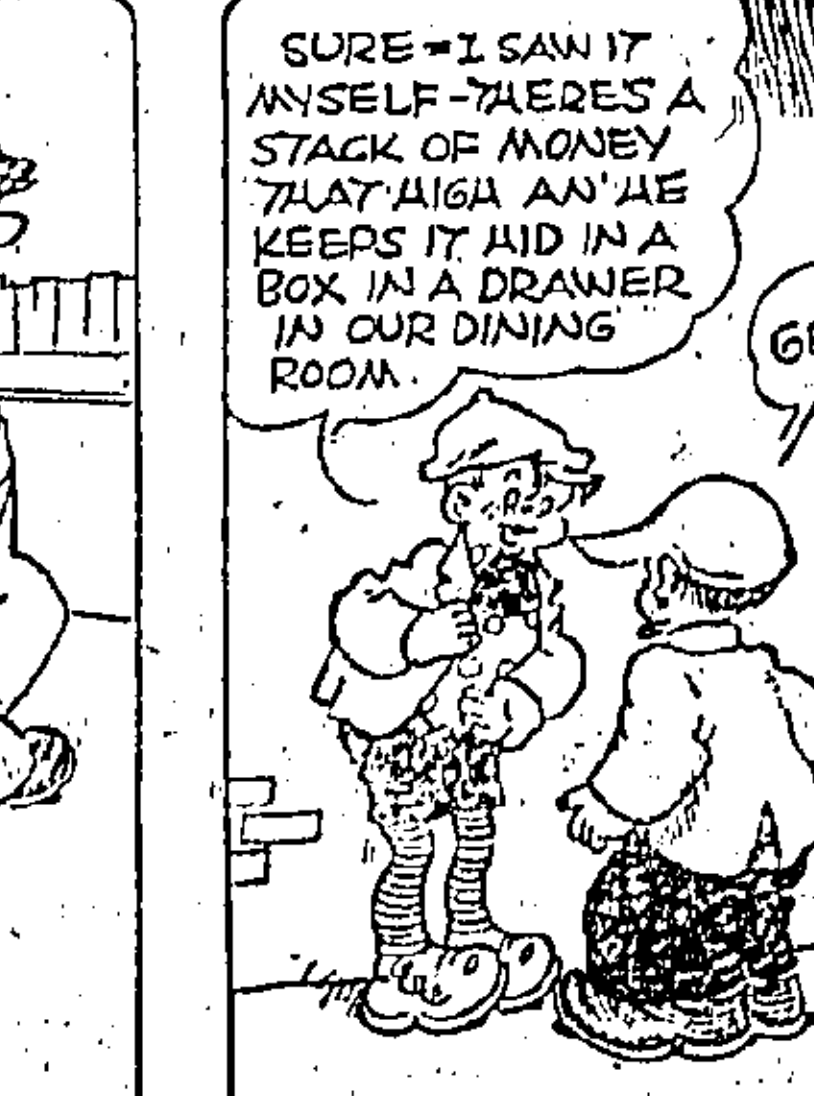
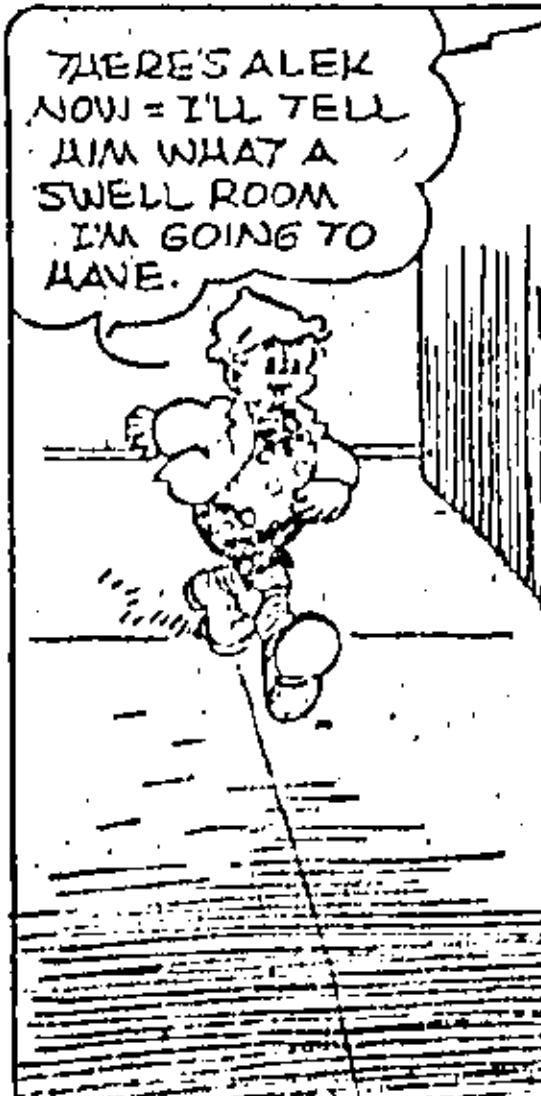
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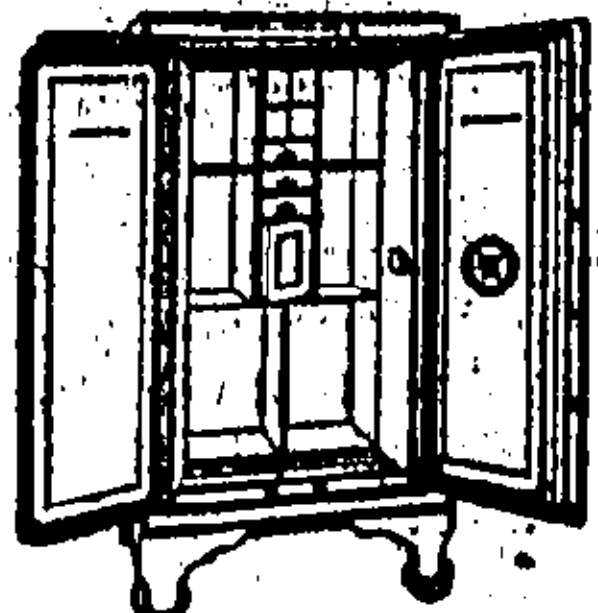
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THE INDUSTRIAL TRANSITION.

While we out here are all more or less hoping for the long-awaited revival of trade, it is just as well to note the fact that matters at home have not improved to the extent expected back in January, when everyone was hailing 1927 as containing the promise of a boom year. The great basic trades, coal, iron and steel, shipbuilding, shipping, railways, cotton, wool, jute and linen, which played so preponderant a part in Britain's nineteenth-century development, are in a bad way. Instead of expanding exuberantly as they used to do before the war, they are tending rather to decline. Instead of being the chief providers of employment for a rapidly growing population, they are now the chief contributors to the heavy unemployment which persists so obstinately in a slowly growing population. Instead of leading the way in wages and hours and standards of livelihood, they now, for the most part, contrast most unfavourably with other occupations. There is no sign of any real recovery. On the contrary, their general condition, it is to be feared, is becoming worse rather than better. And what is true of them is true also of agriculture, which had been steadily losing ground for fifty years before the war. Side by side, however, with the depression of these basic trades, there has been a very considerable expansion of others—the manufacture of motor-vehicles, artificial silk, electrical engineering, and a large variety of miscellaneous occupations. The growth of such industries has provided partial compensation for the decline in the basic trades, in respect both of employment and the national income. But it has to be noted that the expanding industries make far more for the home market and far less for export than the basic trades.

The economic position which emerges as the resultant of these tendencies is profoundly unsatisfactory. Britain's national income is probably as large, in terms of real values, as it has ever been. Figures relating to the consumption of staple commodities suggest that, although different sections of workers have experienced varying fortunes,

the average standard of living has been fully maintained. The annual savings, moreover, though they have fallen substantially, are still more than adequate for all industrial needs. In short the people are about as well off, as they used to be before the war, despite the reduction of working-hours and despite unemployment which has never been appreciably below a million. But the country has ceased to go forward. The position as regards the balance of foreign trade is most unsatisfactory, and renders everything else precarious. Exports are down to about three-quarters of their pre-war volume, and show no signs of any real resilience. The coal stoppage of last year must have gone far to exhaust the reserves of financial strength. The present equilibrium of international payments comprises a variety of novel elements of great importance—Reparations, Inter-Allied Debts, accumulations by the Bank of France in London, large-scale American investment in Germany and Central Europe—which make up a highly unstable situation. Britain thus has to face the possibility that it may be confronted at any moment with a heavily adverse balance of foreign payments, which might entail consequences which would derange its economic life.

January's hopes for a revival have not materialised. The improvement in shipbuilding, has nearly spent itself. The cotton industry has still further reduced its working hours, and the iron and steel industry, which showed a marked increase in production in the early part of the year, has suffered a definite set-back. The plight of the coal industry is notorious. Our total exports for the first six months of the year barely exceed in value those of the corresponding six months of last year (which included two months of coal stoppage) and are materially below those of the first six months of 1925. Unemployment, after having dropped just below the million mark in May, is now above it, and seems more likely to rise than to fall further over the remainder of the year. The expanding trades, like motor-car manufacture, continue to go ahead; but the basic export trades, taken as a whole, present as gloomy a picture as they have ever done. And there is now no temporary untoward circumstance to which this position can be ascribed. As one writer at home puts it: "Britain has to face the probability that the tendencies which are reshaping its economic life have come to stay. This will mean facing some very formidable problems, the problems, for example, of how to provide for the quarter of a million miners who are unemployed. But it does not mean the abandonment of hope or the acceptance of national decline. After all, we are, as a people, despite all our post-war troubles, about as rich as we have ever been. The course of technical progress continues to hold out boundless possibilities of increased well-being. Our problem to-day is that of adjusting ourselves to new conditions, of organizing a difficult transition. Surely we have not so lost our powers of adaptation that we need quail before it?"

Chinese Custom.

There is more than a little interest in a case before the court this week relating to a succession dispute in a local Chinese village. The "old custom," in its strictly legal sense, has been brought into requisition, and the average westerner would do well to read the details of the case as they have been presented, and the references to traditional custom involved. The problems raised have been essentially domestic, comprising the adoption of sons and the after-behaviour of widows. Under the old Chinese code, the somewhat censorious rule is that a widow should not remarry. That has been modified considerably, and

DAY BY DAY.

A POLITICIAN WHO SCREAMS IS NEVER LIKELY TO OCCUPY A COMMANDING PLACE.—Augustine Birrell.

Two cases of enteric fever were reported yesterday, both Chinese.

While riding his motor-cycle No. 1029 in Queen's Road West, yesterday, Mr. J. R. Jenkin, of the Hongkong Amusements, Limited, knocked down an old woman, who received injuries to her left arm and had to be removed to the Government Civil Hospital.

This morning's Harbour Office reports gave 12 arrivals and 13 departures, of which six and four respectively were British. There was a free movement of vessels, with British ships carrying the heaviest freights. The return shows 47 vessels in harbour, British 28.

A fine of \$600, or in default four months' hard labour, was imposed this morning on a Chinese who was arrested yesterday in Water Street in possession of seven tins of prepared opium. The man's record showed that he had served several previous terms of imprisonment for opium offences.

Blasting at Morrison Hill yesterday afternoon caused a large fragment of rock to drop from the hillside on to Morrison Hill Road. A ricksha collier, who was passing at the time was struck and sustained injuries to the arm. He was moved to the Government Civil Hospital. One of the shafts of the ricksha which the man was pulling was broken.

A Chinese named Yuen Chuen was today sent to prison for eight months for returning from banishment. The police record of this man shows that he had been imprisoned for many offences since 1923. Last year he was banished from the Colony, but within a few weeks was back, and was arrested and sent to prison. In July this year he was again sent away by the authorities, but he was rearrested yesterday by Chinese detectives.

Two Singapore carpenters, Chinese, who were driven by the oppressive heat to "woo the goddess of sleep on the verandah of their house, had a tragic experience in the early hours of Friday last week waking up to find themselves bleeding profusely, each from a serious stab wound. They had nothing with them beyond their bed clothes, and no attempt was apparently made to search them for money or valuables. The nature and position of the wounds, one in the stomach and the other in the neck, both deep, indicate that their nocturnal assailant, or assailants, meant to kill them but the injured men are unable to name anyone who might be implicated in this attempt on their lives.

the case under discussion enlightens one as to the laxity permitted by august authority in the case of the "proletariat," for even the autocratic law-makers of old would not attempt to impose restrictions that might have led to evil. They appear to have followed the line of condonation of a secondary, but respectable, union. The case of adoption of sons follows the ancient requirement for male offspring to worship the ancestral tablets and carry on the family. Incidentally, it has given rise to the many tragedies that have followed disappointed marriage and subsequent more fortunate concubinage. An instance of this was argued for some days in the Castle Peak murder trial. The plurality of wives permitted legally, and quite respectably, under the old Chinese domestic custom, has been one of the main causes of contention in big estate cases in British Crown Colonies where Chinese have settled. One recalls references in the law books to a ruling case in the Straits Settlements which is known as "the Six Widows Case," owing to a rich man having died and left half a dozen claimants to his fortune, each of whom set out to prove that she was legally a wife, in Chinese law. The matter was a source of long argument, and profitable both from the point of view of fees and points of law, while the dozen or so counsel engaged delved into the ancient law of marriage in China as it has probably never been explored before. In the end the Judge took a rather long chance, in, if memory serves, deciding that certain of the claimants were not, in fact, legal wives. But such actions are likely to become less and less frequent as the years go by, and the new customs become more widely adopted. And, in view of the complications that arise, one can hardly regret that in the mass of reform being adopted by the Chinese of to-day, they are simplifying the matter of domestic relationship, modelling it more appropriately to modern ways of thinking.

CORRESPONDENCE.

LIFE-SAVING.

[To the Editor, Hongkong Telegraph.]

Sir,—I notice from the newspapers that during the past two or three days, there have been no less than three cases of attempted suicide in Hongkong harbour and in each case, the rescuer was a Chinese of the working class.

It is a well-known fact that among the uneducated class of Chinese generally, there is a strong aversion, owing to superstitious reasons, to make any attempt to save a drowning person, and I wonder whether the commendable action of the three men referred to will receive any recognition.

I was an eye-witness of the case which occurred on the 11 a.m. ferry from Kowloon on Wednesday, the 17th, "The Solar Star." The woman had no sooner jumped overboard, than a seaman named Wong Sang, one of the ferry's crew, plunged in after her; no doubt, had it not been for the quickness of thought and action of this seaman, the woman must have drowned. In my opinion, this was not a case which could warrant a recommendation for a medal of the Royal Humane Society, as the man was a powerful swimmer, a lifebuoy had been simultaneously thrown out, and he apparently knew how to go about saving a drowning person, but his promptitude, his praiseworthy spirit and courage are certainly deserving of some recognition or reward.—Yours etc.,

F. C. MOW FUNG.

Hongkong, 19th August.

CHINESE CONSTABLE CHARGED.

ACCUSED OF DEMANDING MONEY.

A deliberate attempt to obtain \$20 from a Chinese whom he had arrested on false charge, is alleged against a Chinese constable, attached to the Shamshui Police Station, who appeared before Mr. W. Schofield, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning on a charge of misconducting himself as a public servant.

The defendant applied for a remand to instruct counsel to defend and the case was adjourned till next Tuesday.

It is alleged by the prosecution that the defendant, arrested a Chinese on a charge of returning from banishment. The man was taken into a shop and told that he would be released on payment of \$20, which the arrested man promised to pay at a later date as he did not then have the money.

Fearing the consequences, the man later made a report to the Police and the constable was arrested.

USES OF PAPER CLIPS.

An investigator who seems to have had unusual opportunity and time for original research has compiled the following figures on the use of paper clips in the average office.

Of 100,000 paper clips, there are used for:—
Lingerie clasps 7,160
Office warfare ammunition 7,468
Bobbed hair holders 3,338
Pipe cleaners 3,163
Emergency garter clasps 802
Ear reamers 5,534
Lamp shade holders 192
Shirt sleeve adjusters 4,183
Ford repair parts 5,308
Tooth picks 9,012
Backdoor buttons 7,200
Cuff links 5,302
Poker chips 19,413
Oliver stabbers 406
Eversharp pencil repair kit 7,324
Toys to use while telephoning 14,163
HOLDING PAPER TOGETHER 28

Total 100,000.

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London, Aug. 18.
Paris 124
New York 486 3/32
Brussels 25 21/4
Geneva 12 13
Amsterdam 89 3/10
Berlin 20 04
Stockholm 18 11
Copenhagen 18 14 1/2
Oslo 18 73
Vienna 34 50
Prague 164
Helsingfors 192 1/2
Madrid 28 74
Lisbon 27 1/2
Athens 78 7/8
Bucharest 5 53/64
Rio 47 15/16
Buenos Aires 1 613/16
Bombay 2 5/4
Shanghai 1 11 1/2
Yokohama 1 11 1/2
Silver (spot) 25 5/16
Silver (forward) 25 5/16
—British Wireless.

The Very Idea!

Manager (to boy applying for work)—"Where does your father work, my lad?"

Boy—"He used to work in a brewery, sir, but he got the sack."

"Got the sack? What for?"

"For stock-taking, sir!"

"You are practically this company," just you and another person?" asked Mr. A. E. Robinson, solicitor, of a man at Shore-ditch County Court.

The man: That is so.

Judge Cluer: Don't say "practically," Mr. Robinson. "Practically" has no meaning here. Use instead, "morally, intellectually and socially."

Man at Willesden: I guess you had better finish the case right away. Magistrate: I guess you are an American, Man: You guess again. I'm a Canadian.

Haggerston landlady: Can you expect any self-respecting woman to be sworn to without swearing back?

Judge Olver, to a girl applicant for money at Shore-ditch: Don't buy clothes to go to the seaside; you do not need them.

Man accused of drunkenness at Oldstreet, referring to the doctor's test: I did the test all right but the heel and toe. I tried the heel and toe after breakfast this morning, and I could do it then.

Overheard in the classroom:—

What led Gregory the Pope to send Augustine to England?—To sell his mixture.

What was the Danelagh?—The result of hearing a Danish joke.

Why did Alfred build many new ships?—To give work to the unemployed.

Why was Ethelred called the "Redeless"?—The people called him this because they thought he devoted too much time to books.

What was the Massacre of St. Brice's Day and what was its result?—A slaughter which took place on St. Brice's Day. Many people were killed.

What was "seutage"?—The age at which one uses a scooter.

I am not a man given to gush. —Sir Austen Chamberlain.

Britain still possesses a tremendous kick.—Sir Josiah Stamp.

We must fill up the big empty spaces in Australia.—Sir Granville Ryrie.

The British soldier is the finest soldier God ever made.—General Sir Walter Braithwaite.

Although we have cleared out the Reds we have a few pinks left in this country.—Commander O. Locker-Lampson, M.P.

I do not think it would be reasonable, or prudent, at present to establish suddenly complete self-government for India.—Lord Olivier.

"Why husbands leave home" was categorically explained by Miss Underrieden, director of the Chicago Social Service Bureau.

For many years Miss Underrieden has handled 50,000 cases of desertion annually, and while she has never heard a first-class excuse, she admits that the wife is pretty much to blame in 50 per cent. of the instances when hubby departs. On a percentage basis, forty-one men leave their wives for another woman, she says. Financial troubles are responsible for 12 per cent, the wife's infidelity for 10 per cent, too many children for eight, nagging for eight, "tired of her" for six, too much "in-law" five, extravagance four, disillusionment three, bad cooking two, untidiness 75 per cent, and unworthiness .25 per cent.

"Father," said Willie, looking up from his picture book, "if I ask you a question, will you answer it?"

"Certainly," was the affable reply.

"And not get angry?"

"Of course not."

"Nor say it's time I was in bed?"

"I won't do any of these things."

"Well, what I want to know is where does a snake begin when it wags its tail?"

Ephraim, an old age negro, had put on a clean collar and his best coat and was walking majestically up and down the street.

"Aren't you working to-day, Ephraim?" asked one of his acquaintances.

"No, suh, I'se celebratin' my golden weddin, suh."

"You were married fifty years ago to-day?"

"Yes, suh."

"Well, why isn't your wife helping you to celebrate it?"

"My present wife, suh," replied Ephraim, with dignity, "ain't got nothin' to do with it. She's de to'th."

Among the passengers disembarking from the s.s. Rawalpindi from Shanghai to-day, were Capt. H.F. Bloxham and Lt. Lt. Howell.

CANTON FROM DAY TO DAY.

GEN. LI CHAI-SUM STILL ABSENT.

RAILWAY STRIKE THREAT.

Canton, Aug. 18. General Li Chai-sum is reported to have advocated that the post of Commander-in-Chief, formerly held by Marshal Chiang Kai-shek should be abolished. The General believes that to vest supreme military power in the hands of one single individual is sure to evoke jealousy among military commanders and he further proposes that all military affairs should be entrusted to a Military Committee. General Li is believed to have gone to Wuchow to attend to the illness and subsequent death of his mother. General Wong Shiung-hung is in charge of the military affairs here.

Military Protection.

The Chekiang troops of Marshal Chiang Kai-shek are no longer a menace in the province. General Ho Chup-ang has no more than 1,200 men and is anxious to resign. General Chin Ta-kwan's forces left Northern Kwangtung for Kiangsi immediately upon the resignation of the Nanking Marshal and they expect to reach Chekiang by the overland route.

Officials' Leave.

Messrs. Koo Ying-fan, Commissioner of Finance, and Tseng Yung-po, Political Director of Army Affairs and, concurrently, Commissioner of Reconstruction, have left Canton. General Tang Yin-wah, the Police Chief, has not been seen since yesterday. These three officials are ardent supporters of Marshal Chiang Kai-shek.

Threatened Railway Strike.

The employees of the Canton-Kowloon Railway, Canton-Hankow Railway, and Canton-Samsui Railway threaten to strike in view of the decision of the Government to change the terms of their agreement. Under the existing arrangement, the Government has promised an increase of wages, but now the Government desires to evade that. The workers held a meeting last Wednesday and decided to petition the Government to carry out its undertaking. The radical elements present strongly urged the men to go on strike should the Government fail to meet the demands.

WATCH BEHIND A LOOSE BRICK.

BRITISH GUNNER CHARGES ROOM BOY.

Before Major C. Willson this morning, Gunner Milson, R.A., prosecuted in a case in which a room-boy employed at the Military Hospital, Bowen Road, was charged with the theft of a gold wrist-watch.

The defendant pleaded guilty to the charge.

Gunner Milson explained to his Worship that he went off duty at 9 o'clock from the guard-room. He left a gold watch on the table of his room, and went to wash his hands. When he returned the watch had disappeared. The room-boy was the only person in the room at the time, and he denied all knowledge of the whereabouts of the watch.

The matter was reported to the Quarter-Master Sergeant on duty, who questioned the boy, but the latter still denied the theft; so police assistance was sought.

A Chinese detective eventually managed to find the hiding-place of the watch. The boy after stealing it, took it to the basement, where it was concealed behind a loose brick in the wall. It was only through close questioning that the Chinese detective managed to induce the boy to confess his guilt.

A sentence of six weeks' hard labour was imposed.

ARMY STAFF POST.

VISCOUNT GORT SELECTED.

London, Aug. 18. Viscount Gort V.C., has been appointed General Staff Officer, First Grade, of the Fourth Division, in succession to Colonel B. B. Crozier, as from November 4.—*Reuter*.

Lieut. Colonel Viscount Gort, V.C., D.S.O., M.V.O., M.C., of the Grenadier Guards, is the Chief-of-Staff to Major-General John Duncan, commander of the China Defence Force, and is the sixth of the title. Educated at Harrow and Sandhurst, he entered the army in 1905, at the age of 19. His very distinguished service during the late war was with the Grenadier Guards, and it was when leading the First Battalion, in 1918, that he won the Victoria Cross.

AN IMPOSSIBLE POSITION.

ALLEGED PICK-POCKET DISCHARGED.

At the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, a young Chinese was charged before Mr. W. Schofield with attempting to steal, from the person of a travelling trader, the sum of \$16. Mr. A. E. Hall appeared for the defendant.

According to the evidence of the complainant, he was walking in Reclamation Street, yesterday, when suddenly he felt a tug at his breast pocket, and at the same time a hand touched his shoulder. Witness grabbed the hand tugging at his pocket, and then saw a bundle of notes drop to the ground.

The defendant, when seized, picked up the notes and handed them back to the complainant. At the time of the incident, the defendant was behind him and used his left hand to extract the money.

In reply to Mr. Hall, witness denied that the notes dropped from his pocket and the defendant merely picked them up for him. Witness was unable to say whether, in the positions described in the evidence, it was possible for the defendant to use his left hand and pick the complainant's pocket.

Mr. Hall pointed out that if the two men were as the complainant had said, it was impossible for the defendant to be walking behind and not kick the complainant in his attempt to pick his pocket.

After a demonstration in court, his Worship said that the case for the prosecution was not very strong, and the defendant was discharged.

KICKED TO DEATH.

AFTER A COMMUNIST MEETING.

London, July 27.

John Hector, an official of the Seamen's Union, has been found dead in a Poplar street.

It is believed that he was kicked to death by an angry crowd after attending a Communist meeting.

A man has been arrested. When Hector gave evidence at Bow-street Police Court against officials of the rival union who were committed for trial on a charge of libel last Tuesday, it was stated that witnesses had been threatened with violence.

Hector attended a Communist street-corner meeting, and asked the speaker, "Whom do you represent?" thereby arousing the spectators' anger. He walked away, but was surrounded by the crowd, and was seen to fall, people rushing to his assistance.

He was found unconscious, and the police were called. First aid was rendered at the local post office.

His skull was battered, and bruises on his forehead suggested boot marks. He was hurried to hospital, and died without recovering consciousness.

Hector was aged 40, and leaves a wife and seven children. Frederick Isley, 31, of Poplar, has been arrested, and will be charged in court to-morrow with manslaughter.

Mr. Havelock Wilson, president of the Seamen's Union, says that Hector was a Seamen's Union delegate at Poplar, and was a jovial man, with many friends. The inquest will be held to-morrow.

MARINE COURT CASE.

JUNK MASTER GOES TO GAOL.

At the Marine Court this morning, before Lieut. Commr. G. F. Hole, Chan Fuk, master of a junk of Tam Kok, was charged with, (a) failing to take out a licence for his craft as required by the Merchant Shipping Ordinance, and (b) failing to register the arrival of his junk at Tai O. Sergeant Wynne prosecuted.

The accused pleaded guilty, but stated that he had come from Chinese territory, to bring his master to a doctor, he intending to register his arrival and take out a licence as soon as this duty was completed. As he was ignorant of the law, he was going to enquire later as to the proper procedure.

His Worship, remarking that failure to register at Tai O was an offence that showed signs of increasing, inflicted a fine of \$10, with the alternative of 10 days' imprisonment on the first charge, and \$20, with the alternative of two weeks' imprisonment on the second charge. In the event of the fines not being paid, sentences were to run consecutively.

The accused was unable to pay, and a commitment order was made out for his removal to Victoria Gaol.

SOLDIERS SEIZE A JUNK.

HONGKONG COMPANY AGAIN VICTIMISED.

DEMAND FOR \$4,000.

The Shekki junk that sailed from Hongkong on Wednesday morning in connexion with the ferry service to the Heungshan port, has been detained on arrival by a detachment of Chinese troops. The Hangcheong, which is the junk in question, left Hongkong at 4 a.m., and on arrival on the evening of the same day at Shekki, was immediately boarded by a party of soldiers. Six of these were in the uniform of the Chinese regular soldiery, while the remainder were in ordinary attire. These latter appeared to be officers, as they took charge of the boat, and ordered the troops to prevent the crew from leaving.

Before news of the detention was brought back to Hongkong, the ferry company's other boat, the Li Sing, sailed from Hongkong yesterday, on her usual schedule, with over a hundred passengers. But on arrival at Ling Ting, en route to her destination, she was met by a large sampan which had sailed post-haste from Shekki with a warning to the Li Sing to abandon the trip and turn back.

The Li Sing's passengers were transferred to the sampan, which left with them for Shekki, while the Li Sing returned to the Colony.

It was anxious waiting for the ferry company officials during yesterday, which was not allayed as the day wore on and the Hangcheong had not returned.

The worst fears were realised when word was received that the Hangcheong was still being held by the military, who have demanded a sum of \$4,000 as a condition of her release.

No reason was given for the detention of the junk, and it is to be feared that this is but another of those numerous exactions to which this company in the past have been subjected either by the military or by bandits. Recently, it will be recalled, pirates addressed very threatening letters to the officials of the company, pointing to the high value which they (the pirates) set on the privilege of trading in Chinese waters.

IN PACIFIC RACE.



Miss Mildred Doran, a passenger in the plane named after her in the Dole race from America to Hawaii, which is missing and is being searched for by U. S. warships.



Mr. Martin Jensen, who has won the second prize, £810,000, in the Dole race to Hawaii.

The forthcoming wedding is announced of Mr. H.H. Fantham, master mariner, of the s.s. Mausang, and Miss G.E. Mead, on the way out on the s.s. Kashmir, whose home address is at Leamington Spa.

THE PREMIER'S RETURN.

ON WAY HOME FROM CANADA.

London, Aug. 18.

The Prime Minister, who was accompanied by Mrs. Baldwin and a party, left Canada to-day for England, and will on his return fulfil one or two public engagements before leaving for Aix-les-Bains, where he will stay for about three weeks.—*British Wire- less*.

A Message.

Sydney, Nova Scotia, Aug. 18. Mr. and Mrs. Baldwin have left for home on the Empress of Scotland.

In a statement in saying farewell to Canada, Mr. Baldwin emphasises that his visit is the first that any British Prime Minister in office has paid to a self-governing Dominion, and he hopes that it will not be the last.

He says he has seen enough of the spirit animating the Canadians to enable him to carry a message to the Mother Country of "faith, hope, and affection."—*Reuter's American Service*.

A TENACIOUS EMBRACE.

TWO MEN BOUND OVER.

A Chinese appeared before Mr. R. E. Lindsell, at the Central Police Court this morning, as the complainant in a summons for assault. He had wounds on his head and left foot, which he alleged had been inflicted by six or seven men, including the defendant, who attacked him with stones.

According to his story, he had been engaged by the master of a shop at Wanchai to carry articles to North Point, and the defendant told him to call for the money. He did so, only to be put off. No bargain was struck before the work, but he expected to receive at least 30 cents.

Between five and six o'clock yesterday evening, six or seven men attacked him in Queen's Road East. They threw bricks at him, two of which were produced, one being marked with blood. One of these struck him on the head. In the ensuing struggle he "wrapped his arms" round the defendant, and after the others had run away, took him to the Police Station.

The defendant's story was that the complainant asked him for a loan of money, and when this was refused the complainant attempted to use his bamboo carrying-pole on him. This resulted in a fight, and the complainant sustained his injuries when they were rolling on the ground.

His Worship ordered the defendant to pay \$2 compensation, and bound both men over.

WIRELESS BEACONS FOR SHIPS.

INSTALLATIONS ON THE ENGLISH COASTS.

London, Aug. 18.

Wireless beacons for the assistance of navigation are now under construction by Trinity House, at various points around the English coasts.

Their purpose is to send out distinctive wireless signals at regular intervals, enabling vessels fitted with wireless direction finders to take bearings on the beacon stations and accurately determine their positions.

These installations form a valuable addition to aids to navigation for ensuring safety of life at sea, and are expected to prove of the greatest assistance to marine navigation when ships are approaching land, particularly during darkness and in foggy weather.—*British Wireless*.

A NEW ARRIVAL IN PORT.

COLLIER ON ADMIRALTY CHARTER.

A new arrival in the waters of the Colony is the Berwick Law, which entered at noon today with coal, on Admiralty charter.

The Berwick Law was formerly the Roman Prince, and was built at Sunderland in 1914 by Doxford and Company, and engaged by the same firm under Glasgow registry. Her dimensions are, length 420 feet, beam 64.1 feet, and moulded depth 26.3 feet, with a gross tonnage of 6,291 and net tonnage of 3,293. The ship is owned by the Law Shipping Company, and the local agents are the Wing Kee Company. She is commanded by Captain W. Wright. Her last port was Sabang.

SHANGHAI FASCISTI FORMED.

FULL STATEMENT OF ITS AIM AND OBJECTS.

A WIDE SCOPE.

Our special correspondent in Shanghai, writing under last Saturday's date says that a number of spirited British business men of Shanghai have launched a local Fascist organisation from which a good deal is expected in the months to come. The response to the call for recruits has been most enthusiastic, for on the day following the announcement of its aims, a steady stream of residents poured into headquarters, representative of a score of nationalities, including Britons, Americans, French, Belgians, Germans, Danes, Dutch, Norwegians, Swedes, Swiss, Latvians, Czechoslovakians and Portuguese, thus indicating that membership is in no sense confined to British subjects, despite the fact that the prime movers in the formation of the Fascisti are two well-known Britons in the persons of Mr. H. P. King and Mr. B. Firth.

Chinese Welcomed.

A significant feature of the newly formed organisation is that responsible and law-abiding Chinese are particularly welcomed, as they will unquestionably be an accession of strength to the Shanghai Fascisti. Many Chinese already are manifesting eager interest in the movement inasmuch as they are not slow to appreciate that, in the final analysis, there is a oneness of interest between foreigners and Chinese, and that if the lawless forces at work at the present time are suffered to wreak further havoc, they will mean a sinister menace to the laboriously built up interests of foreigners and Chinese, fraught with possibilities of ultimate disaster. Therefore, it is intended to weld property owners, merchants, professional men and artisans, in fact, men engaged in every walk of life, both in the International Settlement and in the French Concession, into a unified body that will present itself as a powerful bulwark against those reactionary forces now attempting to rob the most stable and hopeful elements in Shanghai of the fruits of years of unremitting toil and initiative, by which alone Shanghai has risen to greatness among the leading seaports of the world and enjoys the justly merited distinction of being the greatest trade emporium in the whole of the Far East.

The Objects.

Even a cursory glance at the aims outlined in the preliminary statement just issued serves to reveal at once the wide scope the Shanghai Fascisti can cover in the life of the community at a time like this, when the dilatoriness and paralysis of foreign Governments when it comes to taking action are productive of no little vexation of soul on the part of those who are straining their eyes to discern some signs on the political horizon of tangible action by the Governments of the Occident, action which has become a vital and pressing necessity if foreign trade is to survive and foreign prestige to endure. The object of the Shanghai Fascisti is, first of all, to uphold the character of the Settlements; it is to assist in maintaining law and order, for which there has been an increasing contempt shown by the lawless, due to the "breakdown" of government all over China; the Fascisti are pledged to assist the authorities in establishing a Court of Justice in the Settlements which cannot be influenced by any party politics, since the Provisional Court has degenerated into a mere ap-
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HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW?

TO-DAY'S QUESTIONS.

The following general knowledge paper has been taken from the *Daily Express*.

Answers, for those who need them, will be found on Page 12 of this issue.

1. Who was called the "Cannon King"?
2. Where are the graves of Daniel Defoe and John Bunyan?
3. Why and when was the Marble Arch built?
4. What is a "Croix de Guerre"?
5. Who was the author of "Frondees Agreest"?
6. What does the word "violin" mean?
7. What is a "Davy" lamp, and why is it so named?
8. Which was the first tube railway in the world?
9. Whose kingdom was first called the "Holy Roman Empire"?
10. What are "dove's eggs"?
11. What is glass made of?
12. Why are some religious denominations called "Methodists"?

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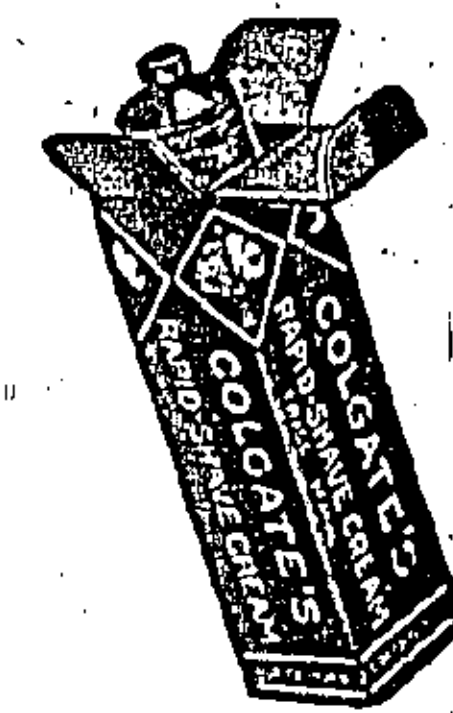
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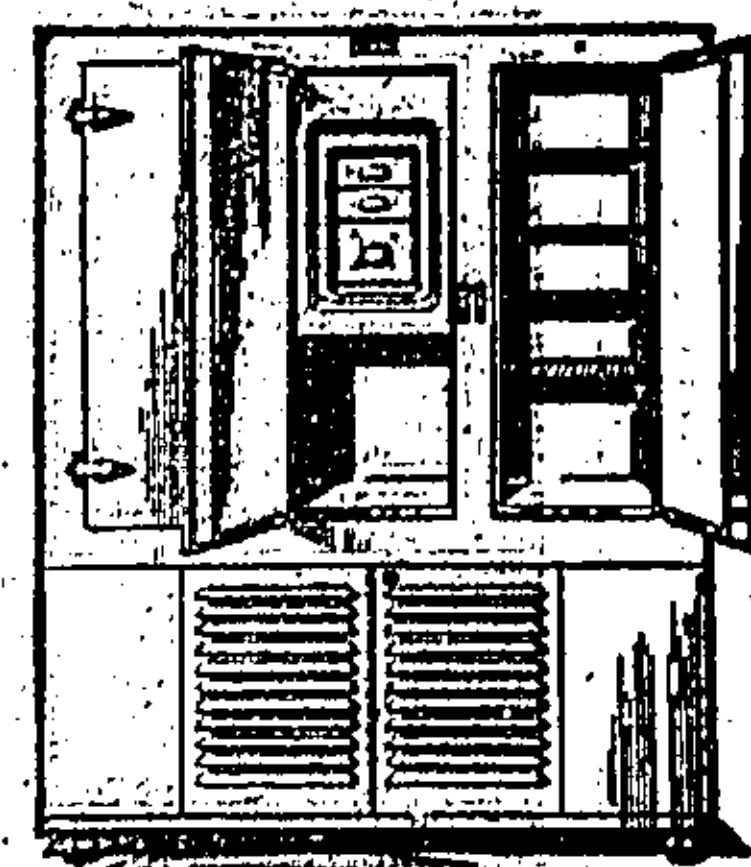
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LOCAL BASEBALL.

HONOLULUANS SCORE THEIR FIRST HOME RUNS.

The baseball game between the visiting Honoluluans and all Chinese team scheduled to take place at 4 p.m. was delayed for one hour on account of the funeral of Mr. D. C. Logan, one time player for the Volunteer team and son of the President of the Association. Play was suspended for half an hour and two minutes silence ensued as a mark of respect to the deceased.

The Honoluluans showed better form than hitherto and were successful in blanking out the local Chinese before seven innings. In the fifth and seventh innings Honolulu put on six runs each, while China never once got beyond second base. The game was generally poor with a multitude of errors in the Chinese fielding resulting in a win for the visitors by 17 runs to nil.

The line out for the game was as follows:

China	Honolulu
S. L. Lee	p. P. Yee
Sling	2.b.h. K. Hee
June	3.b. A. Ho
T. Chinn	1.b. K. Yuen
S. L. Lee	c. C. Chang
Shim	c.s. E. Low
Choy	a.f. A. Pung
D. Chinn	1.f. H. B. Chung
Lam	r.f. M. Chang

Umpires: Messrs. Bacon and Griffin of U. S. S. Pampanga.

Honolulu batted first and Pung made a two base hit to right, Low slid to centre, Ho went up on a pitched ball, P. Yee made first on a missed fly and Pung made home off play and Ho to second. C. Chang slid to left and M. Chang struck out for side.

Honolulu 1—China 0.

In Honolulu's second K. Hee was out at first; H. B. Chung went up of a pitched ball and stole; Y. K. Yuen made a safe first and Chung came home; a hunt by Pung brought Yuen home and an error in fielding a second brought Pung in. Low and Hee struck out.

Chanson substituted Lam in right field for China. T. Chinn, out at first, S. S. Lee out at first; Shim fled to left.

Honolulu 4—China 0.

Shim, pitching the Honolulu third Yuen to centre, S. L. Lee catching. P. Yee made a safe first over second. C. Chang fled to first; P. Yee hit stealing; M. Chang out at first on third.

Choy out at first; D. Chinn out at first; Chanson struck out.

Honolulu 4—China 0.

T. Chinn catching the Honolulu fourth. Choy to centre; S. L. Lee short. Yuen out.

K. Hee made a safe to short and to third on a hunt by H. B. Chung out at first; Y. K. Yuen out at first. K. Hee home on play; Pung walked and out at plate by E. Low's bat.

S. L. Lee for China's fourth went out at first by second; Sling walked and was put out stealing; June, O. at first by pitcher.

Honolulu 5—China 0.

A. Ho hit a home run to left field followed by another circle to the same spot by P. Yee. C. Chang hit for first through pitcher. M. Chang out at first by pitcher. K. Yee made the third homer, again through, and M. Chang reached home, Chu to first by dropped fly at centre a game home on a similar error left to Yuen's bat, who made second Yuen out at plate to Pung's hit centre. Error at short saw Low first and Pung home. A. Ho fled centre.

T. Chinn out at first; D. Chinn first on error at third, stealing score

P. Yee fled to right; C. Chang fled to short; Chun Chew played for M. Chang made first on a to second; K. Hee to first on a to error; H. B. Chung to first on another error by third; with bases full Chun Yung was put out at first by short.

D. Chinn was out at first in error for Chinn; Chanson out at first; first; S. L. Lee finished the side the same spot through second.

Honolulu 11—China 0.

Pung bunted for first and E. Lee hit to bring him home on a double bagger; A. Ho made first on a dropped fly and Loy came home.

reached third and errors saw him home with P. Yee and Chun Chinn on bases. A passed ball saw Yee home and Chew to third; Error to K. Hee to first, to steal second; Chung Yung made a three bagger bring Chew and Hee home. Put out at first.

China completed the débâcle being blanked again. Shing at first June at first, T. Chinn struck out.

Honolulu 17—China 0.

Score by Innings.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Honolulu	1	3	0	1	6	6	1	1
China	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

The games for the week-end will be

Saturday, 2.30 p.m. Dragons vs. Recreio.

Saturday, 4.30 p.m. Japanese vs. Hongkong.

Sunday, 4.00 p.m. Tigers vs. F. pinos.

A man named Godlevsky, has been found strangled in the public gardens at Kharloff, Russia. He had been one of the most notorious executioners in the service of Cheka since 1921.

FUNERAL OF MR. D. C. LOGAN.

AN IMPRESSIVE CEREMONY.

The scene at Happy Valley last evening at the funeral of the late Capt. D. C. Logan, M.C., was a striking one many hundreds, representative of all classes in the Colony being present to pay their last respects.

The solemn procession formed at the Monument with the firing party of the King's Own Scottish Borderers, with reversed arms, in the lead. They were followed by the pipers of the same regiment, and then came the draped drums and the buglers. Following was the cortege, with three members of the Scottish Company of the Volunteers as bearers at either side.

The principal mourners, Mr. W. Logan, Mr. R. F. Forbes, Mr. J. H. Brister, and Mr. J. A. E. Bullock followed the cortege and then came the Scottish Company under Lieut. K. S. Morrison, Lieut. Mackenzie and Sergt. Major D. J. Purves, the latter carrying the late Mr. Logan's plumed hat and sword.

All Units Represented.

The Scottish Company was followed by N. C. O.'s and men representing every unit of the Corps. Next came the officers of the Volunteers including Lieut. Col. L. G. Bird, D. S. O. (Commandant), Major R. A. Wolfe-Murray (Adjutant), Major R. Melville Smith, Major Black, Capt. Jordain, Capt. Brackenridge, Lieuts. Moncrieff, Thornhill, Noll, Hancock Logan and Jarvis and Reg. Sergt. Major R. M. Westlake.

C. M. G., D. S. O., (Commanding) and also officers of practically every military unit now in Hongkong. Major General C. C. Lauder, C. B., C. M. G., G. O. C., followed with his staff officers, together with Commodore J. L. Pearson, C. M. G., R.N., and his secretary, Pay. Cmdr. H. Rogers, O. B. E., Capt. H. B. L. Dowding, representing His Excellency the Governor, and then members of the general public, the entire procession extending a considerable distance.

Among those present were the Hon. Mr. W. T. Southern, C. M. G. (Colonial Secretary), the Hon. Mr. D. G. M. Bernard, the Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton, the Hon. Mr. Owen Hughes, the Hon. Dr. R. K. Kotewall, C. M. G., Mr. D. W. Traill, M.L.C., Lieut. Col. E. E. Mackintosh, D. S. O., (Commanding Royal Engineers), Mr. R. Sutherland, Mr. D. Templeton (acting president of St. Andrew's Society), who, together with many other members represented the Society, Dr. G. R. Black, Mr. A. Dowley, Mr. H. P. White, Mr. C. G. Alabaster, K. C., Mr. F. H. Crappell, Mr. C. Manners, Mr. E. Hamilton, Mr. Wylie, Mr. W. S. Bailey, Mr. A. D. Forrest, Mr. F. M. Key, I. E. P. Minnett, and Mr. N. V. Croucher.

The Last Rites.

As stated there were several hundred of the late Mr. Logan's friends present, the numerous bodies with which he was connected being represented.

The coffin was draped with the Union Jack on which were laid sword, glauagarry and medals. A beautiful bouquet of flowers from his fiancée was placed on the foot of the coffin and as the cortege moved towards the cemetery the pipers played the lament "Tae the Brig o' the Forest." The

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V.R.C. NIGHT FETE.

DISPLAY BY AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONS.

By reason of the fact that the Australian swimmers, who are on their way to compete against the Japanese in the Far East Olympiad, were vaccinated on their way here, only two, Mr. Reg. Grier, (Queensland) and Mr. Tom Boast, (Queensland) were able to appear before the extremely large audience at the V.R.C. fete last night.

These two swimmers, however, the former being the holder of the 220 yards championship of Australia, and the latter the champion back-stroke swimmer of Australia, treated those present to a fine exhibition of swimming, which was loudly applauded.

In explaining the reason why all could not compete, Mr. C. J. Cooke said that Grier, after refraining from swimming for nearly four months did the 250 yards at fifteen times in 2 mins. 53 secs. (applause). Boast had also put up excellent times with the back stroke.

Grier first of all treated the audience to a swim of ten lengths with the trudgeon stroke. His swimming was easy and tireless, his speed being remarkable for the apparently little effort he used. He also demonstrated the art of turning in racing, by swimming across the bath, his actions being extremely neat and finished.

Boast did four lengths with the back stroke in 74 4/5 secs., when Mr. Cooke remarked that when he was in condition he could bring that time down to 70 seconds comfortably.

The swimming of these two champions was extremely polished and made a great impression.

Mr. Cooke remarked that the hoped local swimmers would have an opportunity of competing against the Australians after the Olympiad, when they returned home by way of Hongkong.

Prize Distribution.

As usual an excellent programme was provided, and Mr. D. Lyons created some amusement when in reaching for something, he fell fully clothed into the bath.

At the conclusion of the aquatic events the prizes were distributed by the Hon. Mr. W. T. Southey chairman and an extremely enjoyable evening concluded with dance.

The results were as follows:

50 yards handicap final. (Members.) 1. F. M. da Silva, 32 secs. 2. J. A. Victor, 33 4/5 secs. 3. 100 yards free style Service championship. First heat. Bmbrd. Norris, 68 1/2 secs. 2. L. Floyd 72 2/5 secs. Second heat. Pte. Faulkner 74 3/5. 2. Serg. Gainsby 77 1/5 secs. Third heat. Mid. W. N. Petch, R. N. 73 1/2 secs. Gds. Miller 84 secs. Fourth heat. Swim over for L/C Lees, 94 secs. Final 1. Bmbrd. Norris 67 2/5 secs. 2. Pte. Faulkner 72 secs. 3. M. Petch, 72 1/2 secs.

Fancy diving. 1. Ed. da Rocha 2. A. Duncan.

100 yards back stroke open championship. 1. G. R. Razavet, 84.3 secs. 2. D. Laing, 93 secs.

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THE RESURRECTION NEAR.

A PHOPHET IN MANILA.

Millions now living will never die because the resurrection referred to in the Bible is near at hand. The above is the gospel of O. E. Russell, who spoke at the "Veterans' Hall on Calle Echague, Manila, on Saturday night.

A well drawn chart, dividing the drama into four parts, aided Mr. Russell in explaining his points. The first division of time was between Adam and the flood. He said that had Adam not eaten the forbidden apple death would not have been known, but because of Adam's sin his descendants have almost all "claim to the throne."

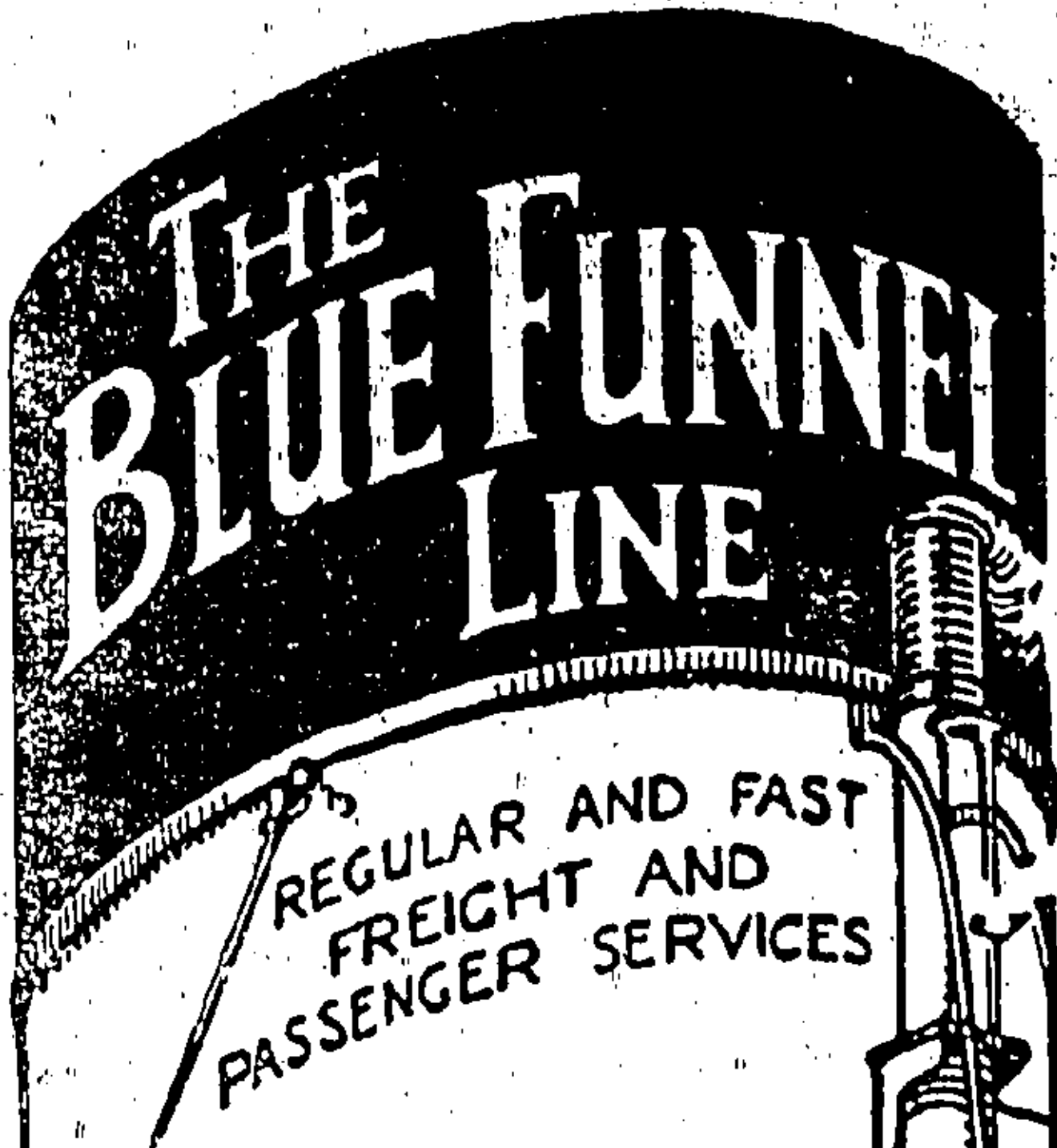
The second age was from the time of the flood to the time of Christ, and the third age, from Christ until now. During all this time, he said, mankind have all been devils because the devil is the prince of the world. However, he said, during the fourth period, which is due in a very short time, they will all be angels, for the devil will be feterled for 1,000 years.

A statement by Mr. Russell that in the next age, which is soon to come, every person will be 30 years old, gave opportunity for argument and argument followed. Some of the audience doubted that the earth is large enough to hold all the people who have lived on it since the time of the flood, but Mr. Russell explained:

"We have figures to prove that when all those who have lived are resurrected they would occupy a area the size of the state of Texas

Sir Robert Thomas asked the President of the Board of Trade last month, if he was aware that in consequence of an agreement between eight great British and Continental meat firms, who between them controlled a large percentage of our national supply of an early rise in the price of chilled meat was anticipated, and whether the Government would set up a Committee of Inquiry into the position of the meat trade. Sir Burton Chadwick replied that his attention had been drawn to the report that an agreement was likely to be reached between the large meat importing firms. The Food Council were engaged in an inquiry into retail meat prices, and if, as the result of the agreement, any considerable increase in retail prices occurred, the Council would doubt give the matter careful consideration.

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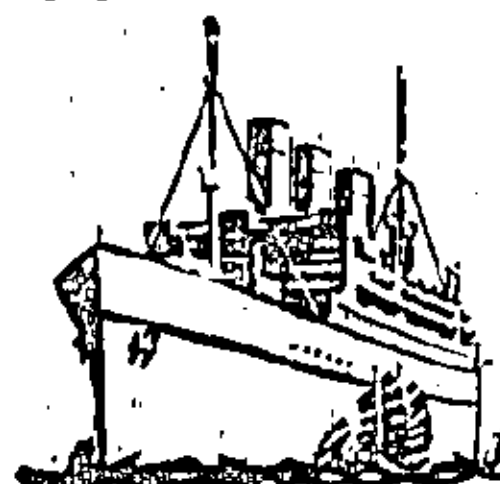
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PORTUGUESE ASSOCIATION'S ANNUAL REPORT.

The annual report of the Associação Portuguesa de Socorros Mutuos to be presented at the twelfth annual general meeting to be held at the Club Lusitano on Thursday, August 25, at 5.30 p.m.

During the past year, the membership list of the Association improved by 20 members.

The Committee deplore the disinterestedness shown by the large section of the Community towards this Association, and once again appeal to members to make earnest endeavours to enlist new associates.

Accounts.

Contributions collected from members amount to the sum of \$4,020.00 as against \$4,002.00, a very slight improvement, but considering the "troubled" times through which we are passing, the amount may be regarded as very satisfactory.

The surplus of ordinary income over expenditure for the year amounts to \$4,890.63, and this sum has been dealt with in accordance with the Association's Articles.

The total assets of the Association now amount to \$59,066.94, which represent advance of \$1,652.54 over last year's figures, whilst the Society's liquid funds at the close of the year stood at \$59,010.33.

Benevolent Fund.

Relief paid during the year amounts \$2,480.00, as against \$2,395.00 last year.

University Fund.

The Association has continued its subsidy to students Guterres, Roza, Barnes and Barnes and Braga all of whom are making satisfactory progress, student Barnes meriting special mention. Carlos da Silva, son of Mr. Armado da Silva, graduated with distinction and took his degree at the last conferment. The Association extends to him its congratulations and good wishes for a successful career.

Portuguese School.

In consonance with the Society's policy of fostering, to the utmost, the study of the Portuguese language by members of the Community, the sum of \$712.71 was expended during the year on books, prizes, etc.

The scholarships granted to girl students of Bellios School, were won with merit by Miss Rodrigues and Miss Berta dos Remedios. As an encouragement the Committee decided to provide Scholarships of \$25.00, \$50.00 and \$100.00 to the pupil obtaining the highest classification in Portuguese on the results of the Junior, Senior and Matriculation examinations of the Hongkong University. The scholarships for boys at the St. Joseph College were won by Renato Alvares and Jaime dos Remedios, candidates in the Hongkong University's Examination for Junior students.

As in former years the Portuguese School in Hongkong was maintained by the Government of the Portuguese Republic, and continued under the able control of the Consul General for Portugal.

TAXIS.

CREDITORS TO BE PAID FULL.

Mr. J. Fleming, presiding at a meeting of creditors of the Hongkong and Kowloon Taxicab Company, Ltd., held at the offices of the Liquidators (Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews) yesterday morning, announced that all creditors would be paid in full and that a substantial balance would remain.

The Association avails of this opportunity to express its sincere appreciation and gratitude to the Government for its generosity.

Thanks are also due to the Rev. Aimar, Director of St. Joseph College, and to the Rev. Mother Superior of the Italian Convent for their courtesy in allowing Portuguese classes in their establishments.

It may be of interest to members to know that the Association now maintains, at its own expense, a Portuguese class at the School of the Missionary Sisters of our Lady of Angels, Kowloon, for which purpose the school receives a monthly subsidy of \$25.00. The class is under the direction of Mrs. Maria Honorina Osmund, assisted by the Hon. Secretary. Lessons are given twice a week, free of charge, by Mrs. Osmund, for whose kindness the Committee is thankful.

The Committee also avails of this opportunity to inform members that the Hon. Secretary of the Association has undertaken to give gratuitous lessons in Portuguese to members and the sons of members of the Club Lusitano and of this Association. Any one who is desirous of availing of this facility for the learning of his own language, should communicate with the Secretary who will be pleased to give full particulars.

Portuguese Library.

This library, housed at the Club Lusitano, continues to be open for the use of the Association as well as members of the Portuguese Community. The Committee would like to see more people make use of the same.

Fundo Lutuoza.

During the past year 45 new members were enrolled in this branch of the Association's activities, the membership of which, at 30th June of the current year, stands at 146.

The Committee record with regret the death of 4 members during the year.

The objects of this branch of the Association being so worthy and the amount of good work in the past so great, the Committee appeal once again to the charitable disposition of those members who have not yet joined this branch of the Association, to do so.

General.

During the year Messrs. Max A. dos Remedios and E. D. da Roza resigned from the Committee.

Mr. Max A. dos Remedios served as Treasurer since the inception of the Association, and upon his resignation to take up a position in Canton, the Committee, on behalf of the Association, presented him with a souvenir as a mark of

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

VOTES AMOUNTING TO \$41,000 APPROVED.

Votes amounting to \$41,260 were approved by the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council at a meeting held yesterday afternoon, over which the Colonial Secretary (Hon. Mr. W. T. Southern) presided. There were also present the Colonial Treasurer (Hon. Mr. C. McI. Messer), the acting Director of Public Works (Hon. Mr. H. T. Jackman), Hon. Sir Shou-son Chow, Hon. Mr. R. L. Kotewall, Hon. Mr. D. G. M. Bernard, Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton, Hon. Mr. A. C. Hynes and Hon. Mr. J. Owen Hughes.

The Chairman mentioned that in addition to the votes on the paper, there was one small item he wished to bring before the Committee. From time to time the Committee had passed supplementary votes for the maintenance of Sgt. J. Robertson, late of the Hongkong Police Force, who was injured in the course of his duty at Yumail. Consumption developed, and they had paid for his treatment for very many weeks now. They undertook to continue the treatment for the three months from August 1, but it was now recommended that it be continued for an additional three months. He had not been able to put a formal vote in front of members, but he desired to reply to London as soon as possible if the Committee decided to continue the treatment. This cost six guineas a week, and if the Committee agreed a formal vote would be submitted at the next meeting. Sgt. Robertson was in Grantham Sanatorium.

In reply to a question, the Chairman said that Sgt. Robertson had been invalided out of the Force.

The Committee agreed.

its appreciation of the invaluable services rendered by Mr. Remedios, and as a token of its high esteem and regard for him.

The office of Treasurer was filled by Mr. F. E. d'Almada Remedios. The thanks of the Association are due to Mr. Abilio da Silva and Mr. Henrique Prata who acted as the Association's representative in Macao and Canton respectively. On being transferred to Canton, Mr. Silva resigned his appointment. The Committee invited Mr. Batalha to fill the vacated office, and thanks are due to him for having so kindly accepted the invitation.

Thanks are also due to Mr. M. A. Figueiredo and Mr. C. A. C. Rodrigues for their services as auditors of the Association. The Committee record with pleasure the assistance given to the care of the Society by the Club Lusitano for some years past in placing at its disposal the use of a room.

The Committee, elected at the last General Meeting consisting of Messrs. Carlos O. da Roza, (President), Jose Miguel Alves (Vice-President), Jose Agostinho d'Almada (Secretary), Fernando d'Almada Remedios (Treasurer), Arthur Frederico Osmund, Dellano Jesus Lopes, Manuel Augusto Simoes, Carlos de M. G. V. Ribeiro, Francis H. Barnes, and Porphiro Maria Nolasco da Silva, tender their resignation in accordance with the rules of Association.

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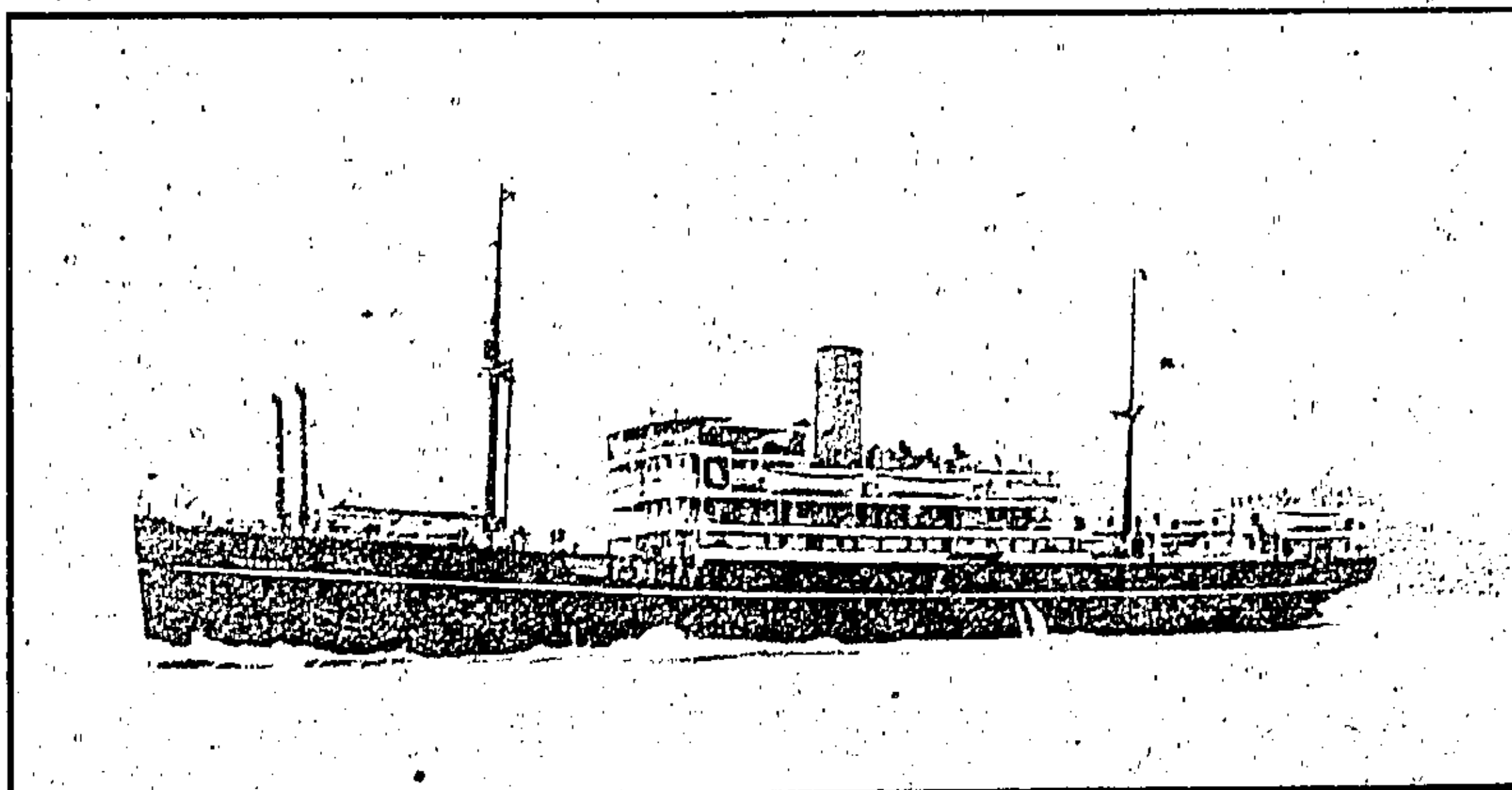
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Hongkong, Friday, August 19, 1927.

1. Artillery Company.—All ranks are reminded that the winter training season starts on Thursday, 23rd September, 1927 and will be continued every Thursday till further orders.

2. Mounted Infantry Company.—Parade at Stables at 5.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 23rd August, 1927. Dress: Muff.

3. Recruits.—During the month of August any member of the Corps wishing to introduce a recruit for enrolment should report at Corps Headquarters between 5 p.m. and 6 p.m. on Monday evenings.

4. Strength.—The following are taken on the strength, as from 15.8.27, and posted as under:

No. 1254 Spr. A. Tarbuck, Ensign, 1st Coy.

No. 1205 Pte. J.H. Marshall, Mounted Infantry Company.

5. Death of Capt. D.C. Logan, M.C.—The Commandant records, with deep regret, the death of Captain D.C. Logan, M.C., Scottish Company, Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps.

6. Reversion.—No. 893 Bdr. A.S. Hervey, Artillery Company, is permitted to revert to the ranks at his own request, as from 12.8.27.

7. Leave.—The following are granted leave of absence from the Corps:

Lieut. J.C. Macgown, Medical Section from 30.8.27 to 30.8.28.

2/Lieut. G. Duncan, M.B.E., Scottish Coy. from 16.8.27 to 16.9.27.

8. Struck Off.—The following are struck off the strength, as from 15.8.27, having left the Colony:

No. 733 Pte. H.R. Weller, Armoured Car Company.

No. 1169 Pte. P.M. Baptista, No. 9, Platoon.

Captain D.C. Logan, M.C., Scottish Company (deceased) is struck off the strength, as from 18.8.27.

R. A. WOLFE-MURRAY, MAJOR, ADJUTANT, H. K. V. D. CORPS.

Notice.
Armoured Car Company.—A meeting of Officers and N.C.O.s will be held at Corps Headquarters on Monday, 22nd August at 5.45 p.m. to discuss future training arrangements.

The attendance of Sergeants is particularly desired and any Sergeant unable to attend should advise C.S.M. A.C. Groves immediately.

Miss Norah Blaney, the actress, had one of her fingers severely cut in a too realistic stabbing scene during a recent performance of "The Vagabond King" at the Winter Garden Theatre.

The Duke and Duchess of York, with their party, were present when the accident happened. Towards the end of the third act Miss Blaney, who plays one of the leading parts, is supposed to be stabbed to save the life of another character. She is dressed in a heavy velvet tunic, and the dagger is directed so as to touch her on the chest.

At the crucial moment last night the dagger failed to close and struck one of Miss Blaney's fingers, almost severing the top. Although in great pain Miss Blaney continued her part to the end. A doctor put several stitches in the injured finger.

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Passing through the Colony on his way from Colombo to Singapore on board the s.s. Morea yesterday was Sir M. Duff.

Other passengers on board included several officers, a number of whom were through passengers to Shanghai. Those disembarking in Hongkong included Commander J. Figgins, Commander C. James, Lieut. Com. E. Berthon, Lieut. Col. W. Whyte, Lieut. Col. F. S. Cooper, Lieut. C. Crawshaw.

Other officers on board were Col. Henslowe, Lieut. L. Lampen, Lieut. C. T. Evans, and Sub Lieut. R. D. Lonsdale.

A REVOLUTIONARY DISCOVERY.

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New York, July 20.—A remarkable new discovery in connexion with the rubber industry is reported to have been made in the Dutch East Indies, according to the *Herald Tribune*.

Scientists, working quietly on the rubber plantations, says the paper, have developed a system of bud-grafting by which the yield of a tree can be very greatly increased.

The *Tribune* quotes Mr. F. R. Henderson, president of the New York Rubber Exchange, as saying that through the application of this new scheme, it will be possible to reduce the cost of crude rubber in New York from the present price of twenty-five cents per pound to less than ten cents.

According to the same authority, the new bud-grafting process will probably mean a reduction of tyre prices, surgical supply costs, and flooring material, while the use of the product will be increased.

Experiments in the Dutch East Indies, the paper adds, have shown that a single tree which ordinarily produces four pounds of rubber a year can be made to produce as much as seventy pounds over the same period.

It is stated that fields from the areas where bud-grafting has been tried show an increase from 800 to 5000 pounds an acre.

It will be observed that the paper does not mention whether the scientists concerned are British, American, or Dutch, nor does it say how long it will take to introduce the new system on a large scale.

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**GRAVE NANKING
SITUATION.**

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The Chinese, has now been effected, and in accordance with the British undertaking the use of the railway has been restored to the Chinese.

Threat to Nanking.

The British naval authorities on the Yangtze have made arrangements for facilitating the withdrawal, to vessels in the river, of the foreign residents in Nanking, should such a course become necessary in view of the presence of Northern troops, which have already occupied Pukow on the opposite side of the river and are reported to have commenced the bombardment of Nanking.—British Wireless.

ANOTHER COALITION?

45,000 Troops in Chinkiang.

Chinkiang, Aug. 17. Sun Chuan-fang is advancing down the grand canal. Large numbers of troops, estimated to total 45,000, are now in Chinkiang.

A coalition between Sun Chuan-fang, Ho Ying-ching, Feng Yuxiang and possibly Wu Pei-fu is rumoured with a view to exterminating Communism. It is further rumoured that Yen is to go to Nanking to organise an attack against Kinkiang and Hangchow.—Naval Wireless.

Aug. 18. Large numbers of troops continue to arrive from up the river and transports are collecting in the harbour. The local control of the troops is doubtful.—Naval Wireless.

JAPANESE MAY WITHDRAW.

Time Not Yet Opportune.

Tokyo, Aug. 14. In the course of his conversation with press representatives in a train on his way to Shuzenji, Shizuoka Prefecture, yesterday, General Baron Tanaka, the Premier and Foreign Minister, said:—

"The Government is now carefully considering the withdrawal of the Japanese troops which are now in Shantung for the protection of the lives and property of the Japanese residents, but it seems that time is not opportune as yet. As it appears, however, that the civil war in China is on the wane and communists are gradually disappearing, the withdrawal of the Japanese troops is likely to be realized shortly."

"It will be only after the withdrawal of the Japanese troops that Japan will conduct negotiations with China regarding the customs and other problems."

"Though reports of Japan's policy towards Manchuria and Mongolia have been grossly exaggerated, the Government's policy aims at nothing but the economic development in those regions and the promotion of welfare of the Chinese people as well as of the foreign residents."

SHASHI BANDITS.

Menace to the Troops.

Shashi, Aug. 10.—Shashi is experiencing hard times with suspension of business owing to the scarcity of cash, and to make matters worse, bandits lurk within and without the walled city. The troops are endeavouring to suppress them but with poor results, and there is much uneasiness. A part of the 5th Division, the troops in home defence service of the 8th Division, and a self-protection corps, numbering some 1,200 men in all, are stationed between Shashi and Chinchow.

The General Labour Union and various Kuomintang Branch Headquarters were recently ordered to be broken up. Leaders of these organizations are to proceed to Hankow shortly. The number of the Japanese now resident in Shashi is 6 including 3 Consular officials.

**ALLEGED DEMAND FOR
MONEY.****ABERDEEN BOAT-BUILDERS'
CHARGE.**

Charges of demanding money with menaces, in connexion with the Sai Yee Hong, ship-builders' guild, at Aberdeen and Shaikwan, were preferred against four Chinese, before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy this morning. Mr. D. McCallum defended.

A witness stated that he went to Aberdeen to repair a boat with some foks, and the work took them seven days. On the fifth day the third defendant came along, and said if they did not join the guild they would each have to pay 24 cents per day.

Witness said he agreed to pay on the advice of the master, who told him that if he did not, all his instruments would be taken away and he would be arrested. The case is proceeding.

NORTH'S POLICY.

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The generals at the front are about equally divided between the old and the new parties, but Chang Tsung-chang of Shantung who is emphatically of the old school, and who has somehow managed to do considerably better in the field than anyone else, largely thanks to his Russian brigade, carries the most weight because he seems to survive every crisis.

Sun's Loyalty.

Sun Chuan-fang, although now part of the Fengtien military organization, commenced the assault which has borne such bitter fruit and which has probably cost China more millions than all the rest of her wars and is in an ill-defined position. There can be little doubt that he is "loyal" because of his undying antipathy to the Kuomintang, and particularly to Chiang Kai-shek who drove him from his provinces. But beyond this his politics are not clear. A man of brains, he will certainly play his cards as best as he can and try and turn the tables on his enemies. He is an advocate of war to the knife and this accords with Chang Tso-lin's temperament.

How can Chinese politics be clear in present circumstances; how can men map a course when there is really nothing for them but to form plans to drive rivals from the field? The governing of China is so entangled with foreign affairs that it is true to say that the question of foreign relations is far weightier in the domestic arena than the military control of provinces.

Just now the quiescence of the Powers tends to obscure this fact; but presently it will bulk large. Chang Tso-lin is aware of this. While he may not know the details, he appreciates the contention sufficiently to realize that the internal problem pivots on the external, and that the advance of the Kuomintang is essentially a political illusion created by the inexplicable retreat of foreign Powers.

Chang's Great Menace.

One of the main criticisms today in Peking is that the Fengtien bureaucracy—the civilian portion—is represented by a poorer type than it should be and that more progress would be possible if the selections were better. But this condition is inevitable. It has been necessary to select people who would in any case be 100 per cent. loyal at a time when there has been a regular landslide towards the South, when most men believed (the Legations included) that Peking was bound to fall to the Nationalists.

Chang Tso-lin's greatest menace to-day is being snowed under documents, one of the vices of the Chinese system being the extraordinary number of reports and documents turned in. I have sat near the desk of several Chief Executives in the past and watched the number of pieces that arrive. Telegrams, reports, letters, petitions, despatches come in an unending stream, like the letters down a mail-chute in an American hotel. The less desk-work Chang Tso-lin attempts to do, the more he limits himself to decisions, the better for his prospects in my opinion.

A person who becomes a Chief Clerk has little time for anything constructive. In Tsarist Russia when they could not get rid of the great de Witte in any other way, they crushed him by loading so many documents on him that he collapsed under the strain. Marshal Chang Tso-lin will stand or fall by his military acts, and that is the last word it is necessary to write.

**HONGKONG-WUCHOW
TRADE.****GREATLY HINDERED BY
EXCHANGE AND TAXATION.**

There has been a notable decline in the amount of cargo shipped to and from Hongkong and Wuchow, principally owing to the fact that the value of the Kwangsi bank notes has dropped so heavily. It takes \$160 worth of Kwangsi bank notes to equal \$100 (H.K.) and the consequence is that merchants who buy their goods in the Colony with Hongkong notes and ship them to Wuchow for sale have to market them at high native prices, slowing up trade considerably.

With regard to goods shipped from Wuchow to Hongkong the decline is due to the recent big increase in export taxation. Added to these special conditions there is the generally depressed condition of trade.

There are more than ten steamers on the run between Wuchow and Hongkong, states the Chinese press, and cargoes have been very light, though the number of passengers, in most cases has been very satisfactory.

**SHANGHAI FASCISTI
FORMED.**

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panage of whatever politico-militarists happening to be in control of this territory, oftentimes being privy to blackmail, extortion, kidnapping and worse crimes instead of dispensing justice, for which purpose the Provisional Council is ostensibly in existence; the Fascisti will oppose all Chinese taxation not sanctioned by the treaties or which have not been agreed to since by the Powers concerned; it will strive to retain foreign control of the Chinese Maritime Customs and the Salt Gabelle, until such time as China's liabilities to foreign nations, duly guaranteed by these services, are liquidated; it will oppose the functioning of all political groups within the Settlement areas, working for purposes subversive of, and detrimental to, the best interests of the Settlements; it will demand and use all methods possible for the expulsion of Communist and Labour agitators; it will oppose the Chinese military making use of the Settlements as a refuge, thus putting an end to the scandalous practice of these swashbucklers benefiting by these havens of asylum at the same time that they denounce "imperialism"; it will assist in protecting all law-abiding people, be they foreign or Chinese, and will punish evil-doers.

The significance of the rallying of all nationalities to the Fascist banner—which, by the way, is the letter "F" in black on a yellow field, an ominous emblem to the Bolsheviks, anarchists and defunctists infesting these parts—cannot be over-estimated. It is probably fated to be the turning point in the destiny of the Sino-foreign stable elements who have tolerated for far too long the intolerable interference with their daily business implied by the reign of chaos so beloved of the Soviet agent provocateur and his Chinese dupes. The Bolsheviks place in the very forefront of their credo the doctrine of direct action, which, in point of fact, has been solely instrumental in winning for them such spectacular victories in their own distracted country as well as in China. What the Shanghai Fascisti propose to do is to take a leaf out of the Soviet's book and beat them at their own game. The Fascists also are going to invoke to their aid the very convenient and very effective instrument of direct action, only in a constructive way in order to undo the mischief wrought by the other side. One may be pardoned at this point for recalling that old saying to the effect that desperate maladies require desperate remedies, and we are at this moment afflicted with such a malignant disease that nothing but a mighty piece of surgery will avail, even though it might necessitate a little blood letting. The consensus of opinion is that the movement has come none too soon. We are confronted with a crucial situation calling for swift action and swift decisions, and it would be leaving too much to chance were we to wait on the decisions of foreign Governments, whose ways are tortuous and dilatory. There are those who affect to scout the idea of a Fascisti for Shanghai, but scoffers there always will be. Benito Mussolini also has his detractors, but not even the latter will presume to gainsay that the Duce's Fascisti rescued not alone Italy but Western Europe as well from the horrors of Bolshevism, and thereby earned the admiration of a grateful world. A situation not unlike that which prevailed in Italy in pre-Fascist days now confronts us out here in Shanghai and, in other parts of chaotic China, and although some may poo-poo the idea, the majority pin their faith to the belief that a mighty oak may sprout from the tiny acorn now planted.

The Company of the new "Our Cabaret" still continue to entertain large audiences nightly at the Star Theatre. In "Here and There," the programme which was given last night, the entertainment touched upon a wide range of vaudeville fare, from touches of comedy to music and dances, the interest being never permitted to flag owing to the rapidity with which one turn succeeded another. The applause from an appreciative audience was unstinted. To-night, the same programme will be repeated.

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW?

The following are the replies to to-day's questions:—

1. Alfred Krupp, famous German gunmaker. 2. Bunhill Fields, City-road, London. 3. As a grand approach to Buckingham Palace by George IV. removed to Hyde Park 1861. 4. French military medal 5. John Ruskin. 6. Little viol, an earlier and larger stringed instrument. 7. A motor's safety lamp, named after its inventor, Sir H. Davy. 8. City and South London, 1899. 9. Charlemagne's; 800 A.D. 10. German mines laid in the ocean to destroy British ships. 11. Chilly and (silica), soda, and ashes (potash). 12. Name given to the Webers and their companions at Oxford University; so it came to mean a follower of Wesley.

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